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Gr'nwood approves wind test tower

By LIZ MARQUIS and Staff, Sun Media

The Greenwood Planning Board last week approved construction of a temporary 196-foot tower that will, over the course of two or three years, determine whether Long Mountain is a viable location for a wind project.

Alec Jarvis of Calpine Wind Holdings of Houston, Texas, appeared before the board Dec. 5, to explain the application for a meteorological tower and associated equipment to assess wind speed, direction and other factors.

He said Calpine is the owner of power plants, mostly natural gas, throughout the U.S. and is also the largest natural gas purchaser in the country. The company also has a wind division.

Regarding the test tower, Jarvis said, "We're just really proving out what we think is a good wind resource in this area."

The tower will go up on the eastern side of Long Mountain, about 1,000 feet west of Horseshoe Trail Lane on land owned by Weyerhaeuser Co. of Fairfield. The project site is not accessible by anything other than a skidder, and the application does not

'We're really just proving out what we think is a good wind resource in this area.'

- Alec Jarvis
Calpine

propose any new roads be built; all construction will make use of the already present skidder trails.

The estimated cost of the project is \$95,000, and Calpine hopes to begin construction in the winter of 2017.

The tower will consist of an 8- to 10-inch-diameter tubular pole, which will sit on a metal-base plate at ground level with a surface area of 7.7 square feet, supported by wires and anchors. The tower will support anemometers, instruments for measuring the speed of the wind; also, a wind vane, which shows the direction of the wind, a data logger and unspecified systems to divert wildlife.

Several Greenwood and Bethel residents attended the Planning Board meeting Monday to learn more about the project, and some protested because abutters were not notified of the project.

Board Vice Chairman Jim St. Germain said the couple's property is not close enough to the project site to warrant notification. Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Corey-Whitman said that because this was a "simple commercial permit for a temporary tower," it does not require abutter notification.

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'Frankenstein' comes to BFD



Above: the Bethel Fire Department's 2000 GMC forestry truck. Below: the 1951 Dodge truck it replaced.



Bethel Fire Dept.'s 'new' 50-year upgrade truck

The Bethel Fire Department has a "new" forestry truck that is 50 years younger than the one it has been using, according to a press release from the BFD.

The 1951 truck has been replaced by a 2000 one-ton pickup that formerly belonged to the Bethel Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The BFD took possession of the Wastewater Treatment Plant's 2000 GMC pickup after the WWTP purchased a new one. The truck was going to go out for bid with a list of minor mechanical issues, no rear body and no state inspection.

Fire Chief Mike Jodrey suggested the idea of adopting the truck to upgrade the 1951 Dodge M37.

"We couldn't justify buying a truck that gets used very little. This would be perfect, if it got scratched it wouldn't be the end of the world," Jodrey said.

Jodrey approached the Bethel Select board about purchasing the truck without the attached plow, allowing the town to sell the plow and keep the proceeds. The board chose to transfer ownership of the truck to the BFD, with no cost to the department.

The town's mechanic replaced a ball joint, fixed an oil leak, replaced rotten floor boards, a crossmember in the frame, and added four new tires. The truck slowly began to transform with a custom-made front bumper, constructed out of old highway department snowplow

push arms.

A grill guard scavenged off an old Bethel police car, as well as a used lift kit to raise the truck up for better ground clearance. Used emergency lights were purchased and installed by Professional Vehicle Corp. in Rumford, and BFD members installed a basic radio, as well as additional emergency lights in the rear of the truck.

A leftover water tank was purchased for half price from a local retailer, and a water pump and hand tools had been given to the department from a forest service grant following the Ice Storm of '98.

The costs were all paid for out of the BFD's surplus end-of-year maintenance budget for approximately \$2,000.

To finish off the truck BFD members held three fundraising raffles, and sold T-shirts on Mollycodd Day raising approximately \$3,500. This funded the purchase of a new flatbed body, two six-foot tool boxes, a used chainsaw and the lettering for the doors.

The truck, affectionately known as "Frankenstein" turned out better than expected. It will not only be used for forest fires, but traffic control, utility wires down and other miscellaneous calls.

The old Dodge will enjoy semi-retirement, but still be gently used at grass fires when needed.

"At 65 years old, it's a priceless part of department history and it deserves to be preserved," said Jodrey.

Veterans Park plan presented

By ALISON ALOISIO

After five years of committee work and a change of location in the middle, a plan for a Veterans Park on the land behind Bethel's Civil War monument on Main Street was presented to the Selectboard Monday night.

The selectmen approved it. "I really like it," said Selectman Pat Carter. "It's very tasteful."

The Phase 1 layout, planned for next spring, features a flagpole, four stone benches and new trees lining two legs of the triangular shaped space, along with necessary grading and prepping of the lot. If time permits, bases for an Honor Roll will also be constructed.

At the back there will be a 30-foot buffer space between the features and adjacent buildings.

Craig Ryerson of the Veterans Park committee outlined the plan. He

said each phase will have a fundraising component to help support the next phase.

Ryerson said the benches will be purchased by individuals for \$5,000 each, which will make money for the effort. Three have been spoken for so far. The six trees to be planted will likely be maples.

The estimated cost for that phase is \$35,000, Ryerson said. The committee is encouraging local contractors to get involved. Some have already stepped forward to participate, and several others have voiced a willingness to contribute, said Ryerson.

Future phases will include a monument toward the center back, with the inscription, "In grateful recognition to all the men and women residents from Albany, Bethel, Grafton, Mason, and Riley who served their country so

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Bethel panel to study Ethel Bisbee School options

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel selectmen voted Monday to form an ad hoc committee to bring a proposal for what to do with the former Ethel Bisbee School building to voters in June.

BACKGROUND

The town acquired the structure, built in 1925, from SAD 44 after the district moved its central office out of EBS.

In 2015 a representative from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission visited the school and advised that it appeared to be worth saving. Potential options included possible use by the town or sale to a developer.

But at this year's annual Town Meeting in June voters denied a \$1,500 request for an engineering study to see if the old building was worth saving.

Some residents didn't think it was worth even doing the study. They argued to simply tear the building down and sell the land.

Others favored doing an inspection to at least find out what the building might be worth, and possibly consider fixing it for town use.

After that meeting, home inspector Bo Boden of Bethel offered to do the inspection for \$1.

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CAT IN THE SNOW-Local resident Roz Satterlee got this photo in the area last week of a bobcat who came out of the woods.

EARLY AD DEADLINE
Due to the Christmas holiday, The Bethel Citizen will be
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NATIVITY CASTING CALL

To the Editor:

It is that time of the year again in which we as a community celebrate the Christmas season in many ways; Country Christmas in Bethel, school programs, church services, caroling, business and family open houses, and the annual Living Nativity, presented on the common by the people of the community. It is a wonderful opportunity that this community still affords, to quietly remember the foundational meaning of Christmas amidst all the hustle and bustle of everything else that has become part of the celebration. How refreshing. How appropriate. What a joyful thing to gather the community around for at this special season of the year.

So, this is the annual call to all who would like to get involved in the presentation again (or for the first time) this year. It takes a lot of people to "pull it off," as we would like to include everyone. We need shepherds, wise men, angels (big and small) and others who can work together with others to fill the cast. We also need community choir members who will sing in the gazebo. Finally, we are also in need of animals (the four-legged kind), sheep, goats, cows or any farm animals.

If anyone would like to be involved at any of these levels, preparation will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18, at the Bethel Inn Conference Center. So come, don a costume, grab a shepherd's staff, put on a king's crown, or grow some angel wings and a halo (if for but a short time). We also need a crowd to watch, listen and sing, so come and be part of this special community expression Christmas celebration. The presentation will begin at 5 p.m. on the common, next to the gazebo.

If anyone has questions or would like to let us know of willingness to help in advance, please call or leave a message at 824-2289, Bethel Alliance Church. We'll see everyone on the Bethel Common on the 18th. Merry Christmas!

For more information, call me at 824-2715 or Nancy Bellinger at 824-4567.

Drew Webster
Bethel

THANKS FROM SEN. KEIM

To the Editor:

Now that the dust has settled, I would like to take a moment to thank my friends and neighbors for the trust they have placed in me to be their state senator, taking their concerns and priorities to Augusta. There could be no better way to prepare for this role than the days and months I spent meeting them in their homes, at town events, community gatherings and, yes, even at transfer stations.

The few days I've already spent in Augusta make me realize exactly how important it is for rural Maine to have a strong voice here. We are all one state, but our perspectives are vastly different.

Recently a community member shared with me, via Facebook message, that they saw me at a town meeting and did not come up to say hello because they were feeling a bit uncertain, now that I am a state senator. I beg of you all, please seek me out! If I am in your town, I am there to be part of your life and your community. Please say hello and share your stories; you are the reason I drive to Augusta every day.

While in Augusta, I promise my heart is always with rural western Maine, and the communication paths are always open. My mission is to help create a regulatory environment that allows our towns to flourish. This is not a one man (or woman) job. Speak up! Share your ideas. Be part of the change and I will too.

In this holiday time of thankfulness, celebration, and togetherness, I am counting my constituent's faith in me an enormous honor and feel blessed to be a part of these communities. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a new year shining with hope!

Lisa Keim
Dixfield

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community. The deadline is 4:30 p.m. Monday.

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NEWRY AND SAD 44

To the Editor:

Like many others in SAD 44's geography, I have watched silently as the Newry Withdrawal Committee has promoted its cause to the citizens of Newry and badgered the school board for a better tax deal. A recent Bethel Citizen article provoked me to share my view of the situation.

It is certainly the case that most of us feel that we are taxed more heavily than we'd like, or need, to be. Maine is quite good at creating entitlement programs and not quite as good at generating jobs that pay well enough for the workers among us to be able to afford those programs. Therefore, it's easy to understand the Newry group's motivation to reduce individual tax burdens. It's likely there are more nuanced motivations among the group's members as well, but this is the public rationale.

If Newry's tax burden were heavy compared to its peers in the district, I could, perhaps, find sympathy with the cause. It isn't; Newry has the lowest mil rate of any of the towns in the district. That the town has relatively few students is incidental and could change over time. Many second-home owners provide some support to our district through property ownership in Newry, which is helpful to regional taxpayers.

The recent Bethel Citizen article revealed an apparent conflation of issues in the reasoning of the NWC when a member talked about the quality of education at SAD 44 schools and the ineffectiveness of the town's school board members in representing this member's educational views. I choose to separate the several conflated questions in order to consider them.

First, I hope the NWC's efforts fail. The district has been hostage to Newry's threatened withdrawal long enough. Whether we consider school districts the solution to public education's many problems or not, we have a district today, and it must be maintained while we consider the future of local public education. If towns withdraw from the district one by one, as Andover did several years ago, the district will die a slow death at great expense to regional students and towns that continue to support it. If reapportionment based on the perceived relevant factor du jour is given credence in this process, the board will never again have time to attend to its real work, addressing the district's needs, performance, and future.

Second, many of our public education systems have been trudging along for some time as the world has changed rapidly around them. In many cases, such as ours, student populations have been declining even as budgets have continued increasing. At the same time, the outcomes expected of public education have changed routinely rendering quality performance hard to identify, let alone attain.

There are grave and important questions about public education to be considered. I would like to see our school board given the time to focus significant attention on the evolution of SAD 44 rather than attend its demise. I'm confident that local leaders and active groups like the NWC could be helpful in that critical task if invited.

Dutch Dresser
Bethel

THS COLLECTING WINTER GEAR

To the Editor:

Telstar High School's National Honor Society will be collecting winter gear for children again this season. This includes gently used hats, mittens, coats, scarves, and snow pants. We have boxes set up in the following locations where you can drop your donations off: Telstar High School, Woodstock Elementary School, Crescent Park Elementary School, the IGA in Bethel, Key Bank in Bethel, The Gem Theater in Bethel, the Philbrick Place in Bethel, the Alliance Church in Bethel and the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support in helping us keep children warm this winter!

Luke Davis, NHS President and Souix-Ann Tuttle, NHS Vice President

CHAMBER ENSEMBLE THANKS

To the Editor:

On Saturday, Dec. 8 the Bethel United Methodist Church had an opportunity to serve as a venue for a free concert, which featured the Gould Academy Chamber Ensemble. The instrumentation for this ensemble included four violins, two cellos, three flutes, and piano. They performed works by Vivaldi, Piazzolla, and Tchaikovsky. Edison Quinoto is the highly capable director of this ensemble.

As members of the church, we would like to thank and recognize these incredibly talented young musicians and Edison for sharing their talents and filling our sanctuary with such delightful, classical music. We appreciate the hard work these Gould students put into their training and practice sessions. They performed with such passion and feeling, and it was very inspiring to witness. Beautiful concert. As one concertgoer expressed, "I left the concert feeling happy from my head to my toes!"

Thank you, Gould Academy Chamber Ensemble for being a community partner and using our church to share such beautiful music.

Luna Akers, Linda Howe and Marilyn Swan
Bethel

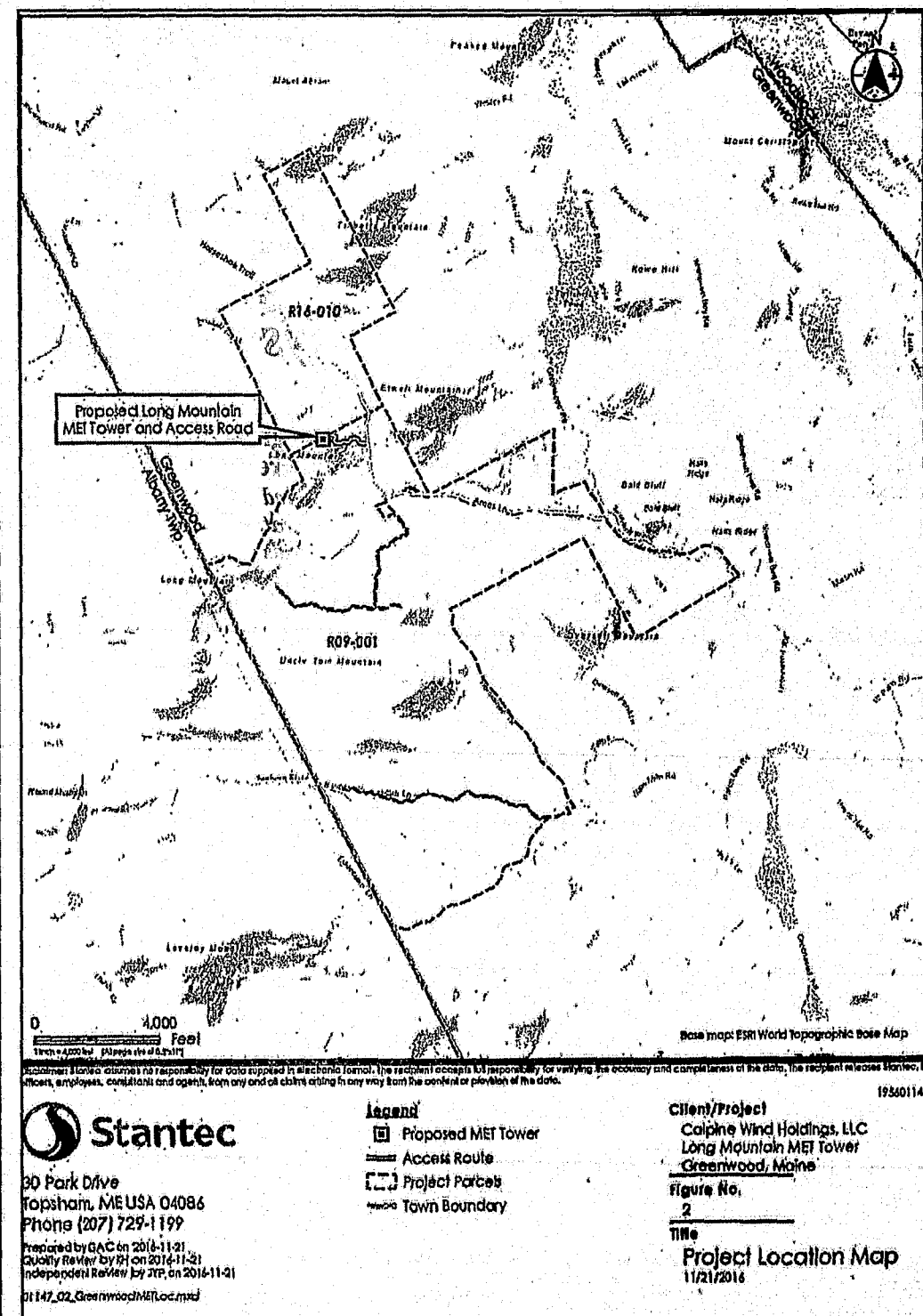
Tower

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"I'd like to say for the record I think the town of Greenwood has a responsibility to contact the

abutting property owners regarding a 197-foot-high tower," said Betsey Foster of Greenwood.

After the tower was unanimously approved she added, "This is a travesty."



Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Terri L. Littlehale of Newry was named emergency medical dispatch director for the Oxford County Regional Communications Center.

Pupils from SAD44's three elementary schools teamed up to present "The Princess and the Pea" at Crescent Park School.

Deaths: Georgine F. Thayer, Sally P. Lavalley, Anthony L. Scinto, Edward Alan Tibbets, Rev. Richard W. McInnis.

20 years ago: The United States Postal Service was considering moving the Newry Post Office to the Sunday River side of town.

The Bethel area was blanketed with a foot of wet, heavy snow.

Births: Dakota James and Devin Daniel Merrill, Ethan Richard Roy.

Deaths: Mary F. Champe, Agnes H. Lufkin, Chandler Provencher, Dana G. Brooks, Florette G. Merrill.

30 years ago: Over 160 parents, relatives, and friends of Woodstock Elementary School students packed the gym for the school's winter concert.

Bethel's ladder truck was pressed into service at a chimney fire at the Methodist parsonage on Mason Street.

Deaths: Walter "Bud" Hamlin, Marcelle R. Crawford, Mrs. Mathilda S. Culleton.

40 years ago: "Sunday River Sketches" by Martha Fiffeld Wilkins was published by Androscoquin Publications, Rumford.

The Locke Mills Cub Scouts toured the Satellite Station at Andover.

Birth: Jeffrey Allen Chretien.

Death: Herschel F. Cole.

50 years ago: Gould Academy senior Eugene Tebbets was the 1967 winner of the annual Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award.

A 55-minute documentary film, "The Secret Race," about the F.I.S. World Alpine Championships in Portillo, Chile, was shown at the Sunday River Lodge.

Birth: Brenda Lee Dunham.

Deaths: Harry T. Sawin, Ernest Scott Bennett.

60 years ago: The residence of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Nary on Church Street was purchased by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lucas.

The opening day for Stephens Memorial Hospital was set. Open house was to be held from 1-5 p.m. January 5-6.

Death: Clifton Bennett Littlehale.

70 years ago: Elwood F. Ireland, headmaster of Gould Academy, was delegate to a meeting of the New England College and Secondary School Association in Boston.

Death: Mrs. Alice King Littlehale.

80 years ago: A farm bureau group of women was organized at West Bethel. Mrs. Myron Morrill was elected chairman.

The state highway department was building a bridge at the foot of Screw Auger Hill.

Death: Baker Thurston.

90 years ago: Mrs. Willard Smart and a three-and-a-half year old son died from burns and exposure when the family's home burned in the Yaggar Neighborhood, Norway.

The town of Rumford purchased a Walter's Snow Fighter, fully equipped, at a cost of \$9,850.00.

110 years ago: Mr. George Spinney was having his usual good success trapping for fur bearing animals.

Harry Purington, Bowdoin, '08, was chosen to be a member of the Bowdoin Mandolin Club.

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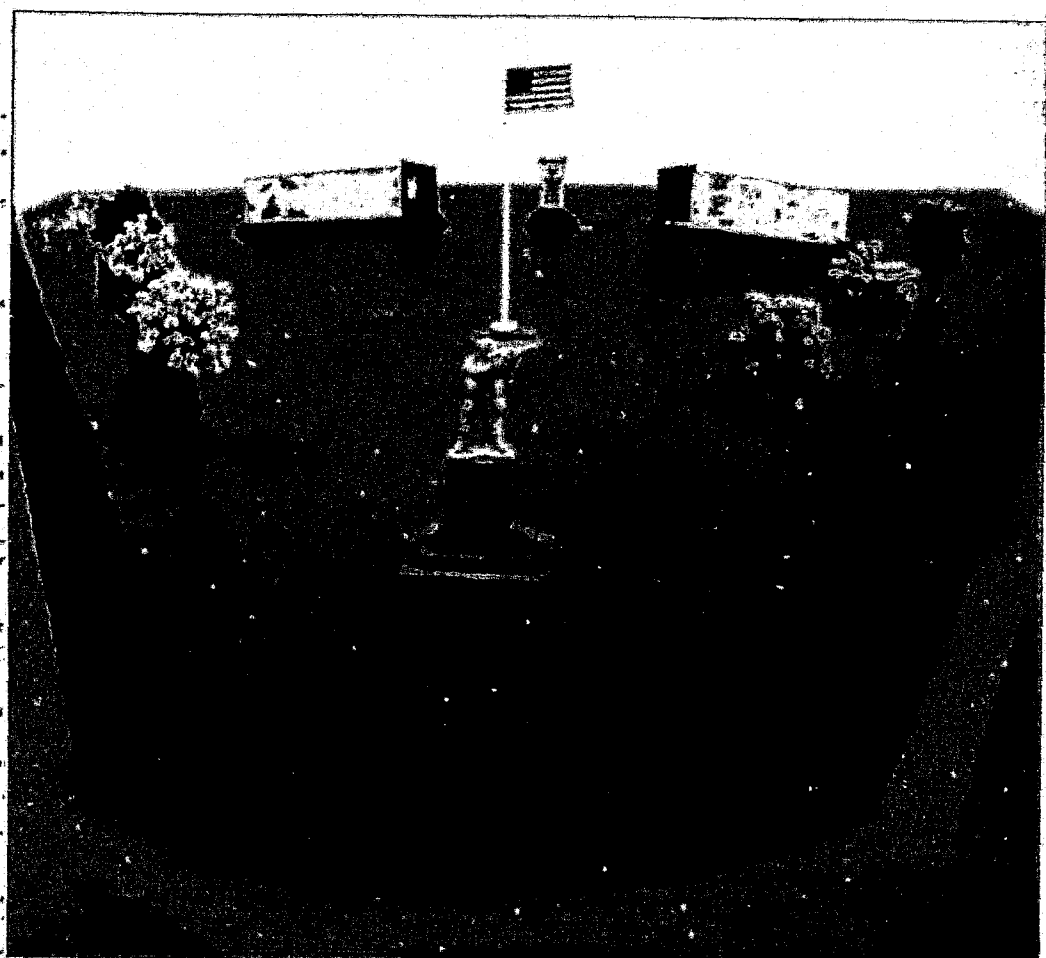
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Park

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Above: Craig Ryerson, left, explains the plan for a Veterans Park in Bethel, as Selectmen (from left) Lloyd Sweetser, Pat Carter, Peter Southam and Don Bennett listen and look at diagrams provided by the park committee. Below: a closeup of the model.



honorably in times of war and peace."

Also planned for the future are two stone 24-foot-long honor roll walls, with enough space to engrave 1,500 names on the front, and more on the back, as well as panels with symbolic images of soldiers. Veterans would be listed alphabetically by war, starting with the Revolutionary War.

Jane Ryerson said the committee currently has 1,264 names, with more expected. The names that will appear on the Honor Roll will be service members who had a home of record of Albany, Bethel, Grafton, Mason and Riley. Any other service member or family who wish to be recognized or recognize a family member who did not enter the service from the above towns may purchase a granite paver listing the name, rank, etc., as the project moves forward.

Farther down the road, the hope is to provide such items as electricity, low level lighting for the walls and a row of evergreen trees at the back. Another goal is to have the Memorial Day Service at the park, where it took place many years ago.

The total long-term cost of the project is estimated at \$200,000 to \$220,000, to be raised privately. The funds will be managed by Mundt Allen American Legion Post #81.

After selectmen approved the plan, Chairman Don Bennett praised the committee's effort and perseverance.

"It's been a passion," he said. "You can see that."

EBS

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STRUCTURALLY SOUND

He has now completed the inspection, and he provided a 100-plus page report to selectmen.

A summary of the building's condition noted that it appears to be mostly structurally sound; the interior is in fair to good condition; the roof needs repair/replacement in some areas; electrical system appears to be good; the plumbing appears to be in fair condition; and the presence of mold-like substances was minimal.

Boden also obtained, from another consultant, estimates for the various fixes. They ranged by category from a couple of hundred dollars to about \$20,000.

"On a personal and professional note - I have inspected historical private homes and commercial properties (including the Norway Opera House) that were in equally poor or worse condition and that have been remediated, repaired and maintained into beautiful, useful buildings," Boden wrote.

But, he told the board Monday, "I have no leaning on what to do with the building."

He said he recommends a formal appraisal be done on the property, with the building intact and

with it removed. The appraisal, which Boden estimated could be done for about \$3,000, might save the town from selling the property for significantly less than it is worth, he said.

Boden provided the name of an appraiser who has experience with appraisals of old schools, he said.

Selectmen voted unanimously to advertise for members for a five-person ad hoc committee, to come up with a proposal by March, when the town budget will be drawn up. Town Manager Christine Landes said she will compose wording for the panel's charge.

The selectmen also voted unanimously to do an appraisal, and Landes will look in the budget for funding.

For details on the inspection report and estimates go to <http://accu-proinspections.com/>

TOWN MANAGER CONTRACT

In other business Monday, selectmen approved a three-year contract for Landes, at salaries of \$63,000 for FY'18, \$68,000 for FY'19 and \$70,000 for FY'20.

Landes said Tuesday that she does not take insurance benefits from Bethel, saving the town approximately \$23,000 a year.

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Anyone interested in adopting a pet from RPC can visit the shelter at 9 Swallow Road in South Paris Tuesday-Sunday 12-4 p.m. Most of the adoptable pets and the adoption application can be found online on the shelter's website at www.rpc.petfinder.com.
For answers to questions about adopting or fostering a pet, or to make an inquiry about a lost animal, call Responsible Pet Care after noon at 743-8679.

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Christmas For Children

The Bethel Rotary Club has raised \$6,285 toward their goal of \$12,000
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Sleigh Rides: 5-7:30pm Buffet: 5:30-9pm
A grand holiday buffet with entrees including:
Smoked Bacon and Apple Stuffed Chicken, Marinated Pork Loin, Shrimp Scampi, Braised Angus Short Ribs, Roasted Vegetable Lasagna

Christmas Day
Sleigh Rides: 5pm-7:30pm Buffet: 5:30pm-9pm
A grand Christmas buffet with traditional entrees including:
Hickory Smoked Ham, Herb marinated Turkey Breast, Roasted Leg of Lamb, Salmon and Smoked Scallop Roulade, Marscarpone and Pumpkin Ravioli

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Andover FD captain critically injured in crash

By MATTHEW DAIGLE, Sun Media

A captain with the Andover Fire Department was in critical care this week after his vehicle was struck head-on by another vehicle, said Oxford County Deputy James McLamb.

McLamb said Monday that at 11:21 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, Dennis Hall, a captain with the Andover Fire Department was traveling north on Sunday River Road in a GMC Sierra, where he was going to help make snow at Sunday River Ski Resort, when a Dodge Ram, driven by Matthew Hamel of Bethel, struck Hall's vehicle.

McLamb said that Hamel was driving south and was coming from the Matterhorn Ski Bar at 292 Sunday River Road.

Hall suffered a "pretty bad head injury," McLamb said, and was taken from the scene by LifeFlight to Central Maine Medical Center, where he was in critical condition Monday.

McLamb said that Hamel did not receive any injuries. However, he was transported to Rumford Community Hospital by Oxford County Deputy Joshua Daley for a blood draw to determine his blood-alcohol level.

According to the daily activity log by the Oxford County Sheriff's Office, an operating under the influence charge was pending the results of the blood draw.

Both vehicles were totaled and were towed away, McLamb said.

(Ed. note: An update on Hall's condition was not available at press time.)

OCSD plans roadblock /safety checkpoint

On Thursday, Dec. 29, the Oxford County Sheriff's Office will conduct an Impaired Driving Roadblock/Safety Checkpoint in Oxford County, according to a press release.

The roadblock is funded through grant money from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety - 2016 Drive Sober, Maine Impaired Driving Enforcement endeavor.

The Oxford County Sheriff's Office appreciates the public's cooperation during this Impaired Driving/Safety Checkpoint. The public's patience and support of this effort will help assure its future success.

The educational enforcement effort will allow deputies to address violations of Maine law as well as to educate the public on issues such as impaired driving, distracted driving, seatbelt and child safety laws, and motor vehicle defects.

Impaired Driving (OUI)/Safety Checkpoints are a step in our continuing effort to make the highways in the State of Maine safer for everyone, during this holiday season and throughout the year.

Sen. King Skypes with Telstar students

By Liz Marquis, Sun Media

Sophomores at Telstar Regional High School met with Sen. Angus King, I-Maine, via Skype last Wednesday to discuss the duties of a senator and climate change — and favorite shrimp recipes.

The Skype call stemmed from King's wish to remain connected to Maine students. Since joining the U.S. Senate in 2013, he began a program called Capitol Class, in which he videoconferences with students across the state.

To date, he has spoken with students at 23 schools in Maine through video chat.

King was introduced by a member of his staff, Ben Tucker, his "eyes and ears" in Oxford County. Tucker talked about the Senate being "the most exclusive club in the world," as there are only two senators from each state, totaling 100 in all out of the entire U.S. population.

Before turning the conference over to King, he imparted some words of wisdom from the senator: "It's attitude — not aptitude — that determines your altitude."

During the first 10 minutes of the conference, King, sporting a lobster tie in honor of his home state, told students what it is like to be a U.S. senator. He said the workweek for senators ends Thursday afternoon, and King then flies back to Maine to spend time with his family and meet with Mainers.

When it came time for students to ask the senator questions, many were about climate change.

King impressed upon the students the importance of being conscientious about energy usage, because his generation wasn't. The subject of the Dakota Access Pipeline

was also touched upon, and King expressed his relief that the Obama administration is choosing to slow the process and consider all implications of the pipeline before moving forward.

Student Blake Katlin asked King about the effect of climate change in Maine, and King said because of global warming, the ocean will rise one foot per decade, and that climate change is a concern not only for the environment but for national security as well.

"Certain places will become too hot to live, resulting in 200 million to 1 billion people needing to be displaced," King said.

Student Tristen Lilly asked the senator how the government can help the shrimping industry bounce back from its recent hardships.

King explained the "tragedy of the commons" phenomenon, in which every individual tries to reap the greatest benefit from a given resource, such as shrimp. As the demand for shrimp overwhelms the supply, every individual who consumes additional shrimp directly harms others who can no longer enjoy the benefit, so moderation is key.

The mood was lightened by Lilly asking King for his favorite shrimp dish, which turned out to be a simple shrimp cocktail.

"I like to throw some shrimp in with garlic and butter in a frying pan and then some noodles," Lilly said. "It's really good."

"I really enjoyed my conversation with the students at Telstar today and was incredibly impressed by their thoughtfulness," King said after the video-conference call. "I have no doubt that Maine has a bright future with such great students like these."

Bethel

By DON BENNETT



Improvements continue at Chapman House
New owner renovations

activity continued this week with the driveway reroofed with crushed stone and more inside work. Most viewed Bethel Journal photo of the week was one of William Rogers Chapman showing two of his favorite trotting horses in front of the stable.

Bluebird Restaurant gets ready to open
A new sign at the former Sunday River Inn says Bluebird - Restaurant Bar Events 207-824-1054. When I stopped there Saturday Deb Doyle and partners were getting their new venture ready for opening on Dec. 14.

Oyster Bar new feature at Barking Dawg
When I met John Amann Saturday, he pointed me to the Barking Dawg's new Oyster Bar. Besides the new Oyster Bar, it is a great place to shop for food, wine, lobsters and oysters. We love the Barking Dawg steaks. If you haven't been in there yet, see photos on this week's Bethel Journal news at <http://www.betheljournal.info/bjn12122016.htm>.

Country Store to open
At the now closed Black Diamond Restaurant on the Sunday River Road, the sign reads Coming Soon - Savage Brothers - Country Store.

Tuxedo dining coming
For the Bethel selectmen's meeting this week they had on the food serving application agenda four new names of businesses applying for a local license: La Choza, Saltbox Cafe, Fiddlesticks Farm and Jimmy Seas Pan Pasta.

La Choza Taco Bar says, "We are new in town and looking for dynamic seasonal servers. We are a casual and fun restaurant." La Choza will open in the Mountain View Mall, or so

I believe.

The SaltBox Cafe is Maine's only "Tiny House" food truck serving gourmet breakfasts, lunches and beverages in Bethel and Portland according to their Facebook page. At this point, their Bethel operating locations are not known to me.

Jimmy Seas Pan Pasta will, according to a web item, operate at the Victoria Inn on Main Street. Their summer location has been at Martha's Vineyard. Jimmy Seas has quite an extensive menu, starting off with an appetizer of Jimmy Seas Spicy Sicilian-Style Seafood Soup; one of the house specials is butternut squash ravioli. Their menu items should attract a goodly number of winter diners to the Victoria. They will be open 5-10 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday.

The humorous part of the Jimmy Seas information is that it calls its winter location Sunday River at the Victoria Inn, 31 Main St., Bethel, Maine. Ski at Sunday River; dine at Bethel.

Bethel's Victoria Inn and its historic past

The Victoria Inn can justifiably be called Philbrook Place II. John Philbrook had this marvelously styled house built in 1895. Rollie Chapman's research about this home showed that Gilbert Tuell of Bethel was the contractor and the house was built for \$8,000. Mrs. Chapman found an 1893 Oxford Advertiser news item that described Mr. Philbrook as the cattle dealer who "has sent more cattle to the (Brighton, Mass.) market than any man in the state."

John and Pauline Philbrook owned the large farm in North Bethel now belonging to the Harrington family and known locally one time as the Roberts Poultry Farm. John and his brother, Samuel, were extraordinary livestock dealers. Their weekend livestock auctions took place in the 1880s at Samuel's large barn and grounds on Main

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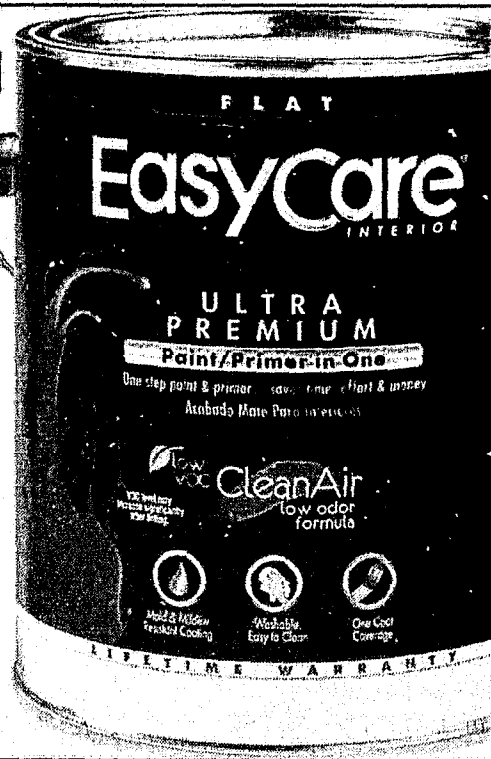
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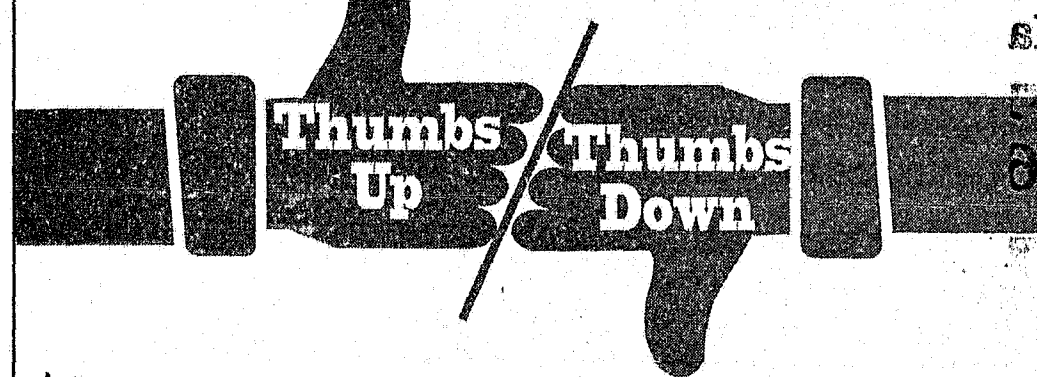
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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

As they say in text-speak, OMG! Where did the time go?

Christmas comes the same time every year, but didn't we just have Halloween? I think I still have a remnant of a Thanksgiving pie tucked in the back of my refrigerator behind some Cool Whip containers of other old leftovers. How on earth can Christmas be only a couple of weeks away?

Though I do have some shopping done, I have a lot more to do than I have shopping money coming. Last year I vowed I would buy a present every other week throughout the year so by this time I would be all set. I just didn't anticipate that this time would be here so soon.

To be fair to myself I did think about buying presents during the summer, but winter sweaters and knit leggings are in pretty scarce supply in July. I even thought about my grandsons who are into electronic gadgetry and video games. However, I don't even begin to understand all things electronic, and video games would be three generations old by the time Christmas came.

I so miss when my grandsons were little kids and I

could buy 10 cool toys for the price of one gosh darn video game. Now their toys have big price tags, and I have no clue what most of them are.

Oh, where has the time gone since my little boys turned into big boys? For that matter where did the time go since my little children became parents of adult children or the little girl I once was, became

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this aging senior citizen that I now am?

I guess time really is of the essence. All too soon the here and now becomes the then and gone. Being the queen of procrastination I never even got around to completing my kids baby books. I kept telling myself I had plenty of time to update the books

and then time got away from me. Now I can't quite remember for sure when the first teeth came in or the first steps were taken.

That doesn't make me a bad mother, but it certainly does make me a bad time manager. That is evident in the fact that Christmas is so close and I am so ill prepared ... as usual.

I refuse to stress over it. I'll do what shopping I can, I'll bake what goodies I can, I'll decorate for the holidays as much as I can and not worry about what I can't.

What I can do is cherish the time spent with my family. Listen to the stories while my children and grandson share the memories of Christmases past. Laugh at the family jokes of stupid things done for Christmas, mostly by me like Legg's pantyhose containers I turned into really ugly tree ornaments.

Time is of the essence, so I'll enjoy the here and now whether I'm ill prepared or not. The then and gone will always provide some wonderful memories.

However, the way I see it if I start buying a present every other week throughout the year I'll be all set by this time next year.

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The new "Bluebird Restaurant" sign is up at the former Sunday River Inn in Newry. D. Bennett

Street now known as Philbrook Place. I recall reading one news item where at a weekend auction at the (Samuel) Philbrook Place over two dozen yokes of oxen were sold - think about two dozen farm trucks or tractors being today's equivalent of 1885 yokes of oxen.

John Philbrook shipped so much livestock to Brighton that Grand Trunk Railroad built a stockyard with two chutes in the Bethel Station area and a smaller corral at West Bethel - this comes from a 1907 booklet of Grand Trunk Stations, Buildings, Agents' and Section Houses, Stock Pens, etc. Railroad historian John Davis passed on to me another 1880 report that noted Mr. Philbrook passed through this place (in New Hampshire) with a drove of 200 store cattle, en route to Maine. They were purchased in Essex and Orleans counties in Vermont, where Mr. Philbrook bought 175 head of cattle last year.

More evidence of John Philbrook's livestock dealings along the Bethel-Brighton axis comes from a 1920s postcard showing the home and telephone office of the Van Tel and Tel Co. and the brick grammar school on today's Elm Street. At the time the postcard was made today's Elm Street was called Brighton Avenue, connecting the Philbrook home with the stock yards at the railroad.

Bethel

By LINDA HOWE



Hello, Bethel Citizen readers, Deer season for 2016 officially

ended on Saturday, Dec. 10. According to the Sun Journal, the state's wildlife regulators increased the number of "any deer" hunting permits by 60 percent. It gave out more than 45,000 of the permits via a lottery. The increase in

permits came after a mild winter in which many deer survived. Judging from the totals of the number of deer tagged in 2016 there was a surplus of deer to be harvested. The following numbers are what I obtained in my curiosity search. Bethel Bait and Tackle tagged 104 deer, with the largest being an 11-pointer weighing 232 pounds. J & K in West Paris tagged approximately 100 deer, with the largest at 234 pounds. Also in West Paris at Doe's, they tagged over 200 deer! Rumford Fire Department tagged 90 deer, with the largest at 246 pounds. At the Roxbury Pond General Store, they tagged 57 deer, with the biggest deer being a 10 pointer but weighing 281 pounds. Wow! Not only does deer hunting put meat on the table but it also brings in much-needed revenue for the State of Maine. Department of Fish & Game keeps a close eye on the deer count, so the herd is managed responsibly in future hunting seasons.

Received word about an upcoming benefit for Anita Hakala who had a bad fall recently. The Shadagee Ramblers will be playing at the Greenwood Legion Hall on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Donations will be accepted at the door. This event is a B.Y.O.B. event with other beverages and hot dogs available. Proceeds from this event will help purchase a stair lift chair. Anyone who can't make the dance but would like to help can leave their donation with Rod Royer at Western Maine Supply Company.

Crescent Park School Holiday Concert is Thursday, Dec. 15 for Grades three through five, band and chorus. Monday, Dec. 19 is the C.P.S. Holiday Concert for kindergarten through second grade at 6 p.m.

Anyone with news or events can reach me at 824-2328 or by email at lhowe7273@gmail.com.

West Bethel

By KAREN PAUL



It's a fact that people perform best at sea level. When I left Boston Tuesday

morning, I was at 141 feet above sea level breathing comfortably with no signs of stress to my body. By 1 p.m., reaching my destination of Crested Butte, Colo., I had risen to 8,880 feet. High altitude, also known as the "death zone," is considered 8,000 feet and above.

After five days my brain and lungs are still working hard to acclimate to having less available oxygen. Climbing stairs make me winded, and I have been sleeping more hours at night. I did have nausea for the first couple of days. I must be feeling better because I shoveled six to eight inches of snow from the driveway both Saturday and Sunday mornings - resting every few scoops.

Today I took grandson Walter for a long walk, me on foot and a sleepy Walter in a little "baby snow stroller," which is a small enclosed pod on skis attached to my waist by long aluminum poles. We went down and around and back again with Walter sleeping while I trudged through the packed snow.

We're planning a visit to the Waunita Hot Springs in Gunnison on Friday. The weather has been in the high 20s to mid-30s and partly sunny here in Colorado. I'm not missing the zero degrees in Maine one little bit. Have a great week and keep comfortable.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



No column this week - back next week.

There will be a Stair Chair Lift Benefit for Anita Hakala from 7 p.m.-10 p.m. at the

Patrol Log

Monday, Dec. 5

At 2:45 p.m. Deputy Jeff Huston responded to Vernon Street in Bethel for a single-vehicle crash. The driver lost control on the ice-covered road and struck a tree. There were no injuries.

At 9:03 p.m. Deputy Josh Aylward issued a verbal harassment warning to a subject on the West Bethel Road in Bethel at the request of another sheriff's department.

At 10:48 a.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to North Main Street in Woodstock for a two-vehicle property damage crash. There were no injuries.

At 12:22 p.m. Deputy Jeff Huston responded to Route 5 in Albany for a single vehicle rollover due to icy road conditions. There were no injuries.

At 1:11 p.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to a single vehicle rollover crash on the Greenwood Road in Greenwood. No injuries were reported. The Greenwood Fire Department also responded.

At 1:55 p.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald responded to a single vehicle crash/rollover on North Main Street in Woodstock. Two passengers were taken to the hospital for neck injuries. The Woodstock and Greenwood fire departments also responded.

Tuesday, Dec. 6

At 12:49 p.m. Deputy James McLamb investigated a threat made toward a Bethel subject.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

At 8:01 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to a report of a car rollover on Milton Road in Milton. The driver left the scene and was later located and summoned for OUI and leaving the scene of a crash. There were no major injuries.

Thursday, Dec. 8

At 8:49 p.m. Deputy James McLamb

responded to a property damage accident on the Sunday River Road in Bethel. It resulted in an OUI incident.

At 10:16 p.m. James A. Heath, 22, of Bethel, was summoned by Deputy James McLamb for OUI on the Sunday River Road in Bethel.

At 9:18 p.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to the area of Screw Auger Falls in Newry for a report of vehicles off the road due to icy conditions. The deputy was assisted by Newry Fire Department personnel in closing the road until crews could treat the roads.

At 11:23 p.m. Deputy James McLamb responded to a personal injury accident on the Barker Mountain Road in Newry.

Friday, Dec. 9

At 11:21 p.m. Deputy James McLamb responded to a personal injury accident on the Sunday River Road. One subject sustained a severe injury and was Life Flighted to Central Maine Medical Center. Another subject was taken to a hospital for a blood-draw, pending an OUI charge. The Bethel Fire Department also responded.

Saturday, Dec. 10

At 9:16 a.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald received a telephone harassment complaint in Bethel.

At 4:19 p.m. deputies responded to Route 232 in Woodstock for a report of a traffic offense. The vehicle was located and stopped, and the driver summoned for operating after license suspension.

Sunday, Dec. 11

At 4:29 a.m. Deputy Josh Aylward took a report in Bethel of a missing person.

At 8:04 p.m. Sgt. Matt Baker investigated a car-moose crash, property damage only, on Route 26 in Upton.

Monday, Dec. 12

At 1:12 a.m. Deputy Josh Aylward responded to a truck/telephone pole accident on the Gore Road in Greenwood. There were no injuries.

American Legion Hall, 595 Gore Road, Locke Mills. Entertainment provided by the Shadagee Ramblers. Donations at the door. BYOB with beverages and hot dogs available. FMI Ray 890-3737, Dellie 515-1419, Gary 381-7231.

Andover

By JANE RICH



The elusive rabbit that Mike Clement has been chasing around Main Street over the last several months has been caught and is now, happily, we trust, residing with Animal Control Officer Sue Milligan, since local shelters were unable to take care of Mr. Lucky Foot and his three other paws.

The question of the viability of the Recreation Committee has arisen, and selectmen would like to hear from the community regarding this. The Recreation Committee was formed at a time when we had 100 children in the school and baseball teams that needed coordinating and uniforms, etc. These

conditions no longer exist. This past year the committee was resurrected, after two or three years of inactivity, consisting of Carol Emery, Claire Sessions, and Bruce Simmons. Bruce mowed the ball fields on a volunteer basis. Inventory and inspections were done, which found a number of baseball uniforms and other equipment and uncovered repairs necessary to the swing set at the tennis court, the backstop, and dugouts at the baseball field. Road Commissioner Mark Farrington was part of a discussion about turning over the mowing to his department as part of Public Works to which he agreed. Please let your thoughts about this situation be known to the Board of Selectmen.

Believe it or not, work on the 2017 Town Meeting has begun with Budget Committee meetings. The fire chief has submitted his budget of \$40,140. Because of the tax crunch here, Chief Tibbetts has decided not to request \$11,500 for personnel protective equipment as they can get by for another year without new replacements. The ones purchased in 2016 will enable them to safely skip this year. The Knox Boxes

have been bought, which will eliminate the need for a \$1,500 separate article. The road commissioner presented his budget with the only increase in summer and winter roads for \$3,000 each to cover wage increases necessitated by the employment of new staff.

Notes from

selectmen's meeting Kyra Suwak has volunteered to work with Selectman Hutchins on updating the town website. The treasurer notified the selectmen that eight properties would go to foreclosure if payment of taxes is not made by Dec. 21. All of the people have been notified. The minimum wage goes up to \$9 an hour on Jan. 1. We have four people that are currently making less than that amount.

The person with whom the treasurer had spoken about doing some construction work in the Town Office basement is now unable to do so. Selectmen Adler said he could measure for materials and order them and donate his time to completing the project. It was also reported that the Transfer Station budget is, at this point, five percent

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above their estimated budget.

This budget is always difficult to project because of the unknown amount of waste that will be generated in any given year and will have to be transported out of town.

The signatures on the voter petition to take the set aside re-val money to reduce the tax burden have been certified by the clerk, and this article will be handled at the March Town Meeting.

Other routine business included the signing of the warrants, supplemental tax bills and reviewing Homestead Exemption applications.

The board reviewed a DOT Right of Way Plan for land abutting the Brickett Bridge.

Everyone seems busy with Christmas preparations and parties, and so there is no other news to report.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



As I am writing this on Sunday afternoon, the weatherman has predicted

that a snowstorm will arrive around midnight and wrap up sometime on Monday. The prediction, at this point, is six to eight inches of snow, so we will just have to wait and see.

My brother, Steve McLain, has been having more birds at the feeder. This past weekend there was a hairy woodpecker at the feeder.

Our son, Tim, is celebrating a birthday on Dec. 17. Happy Birthday, Tim.

Hugh and I attended the December meeting of the Woodstock Historical Society. There were about a dozen members. A short meeting was held after the luncheon. There will be no meetings in January and February and the next will be at the Woodstock Town Office in March.

The books for the town

will close on Dec. 31. Any real estate taxes that are unpaid at this time will be listed in the Annual Town Report. Interest is being charged for unpaid 2016 taxes. Please check with the tax collector for the correct amount owed if a payment will be by check through the mail.

Any past real estate taxes, for years 2014 and 2015, are in lien and need to be paid before the end of 2016. Tax liens are to be remitted to the treasurer.

There are still a few outstanding dog licenses due for 2016. There are late fees due so they should be taken care of before any more fees accumulate.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or email chapmal@hotmail.com.

Newry

By DOUG WEBSTER



My wife told me that the recent "Hour of Code" event at The Eddy School was extremely successful. Fif-

teen people from the community showed up to interact and spend time coding with the students. Deb said that everybody had fun working and learning together. The visiting students even stayed to play games outside afterward. Some of the older folks who worked in the days of punch cards told some stories to the kids about how it used to be. What a great collaboration of people.

Ski season should have a nice kickoff with this week's storm. What a beautiful storm. The temperature was great, the ground was already frozen, and there was no wind. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the winter will be kind to the snowmobile clubs and give them ample snow. Don't forget to support one of your local snowmobile clubs this year; it could be the year that they need a little extra money to keep grooming at the end of the year.

Bluebird, the new restaurant/bar/events venue

at the old Sunday River Inn site, hosted their first event for Maine Adaptive on Saturday night. They received rave reviews. We look forward to their grand opening so we can check out all the good stuff.

I told you last week that I would report on the Newry withdrawal meeting. There was a meeting, and it was already reported on in last week's paper.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Progressive Dinner, sponsored by the Upton Ladies Aid, was lots of fun and the food was great.

Thank you, ladies, for making it happen and a special thank you to the cooks.

Carol told the participants that the Ladies Aid would start serving Sunday breakfasts Jan. 1.

My daughter and her

family stopped in for a brief visit Saturday. As she was looking out the window at the snow-covered fields, she told me she was very disappointed in me.

There were no snow machine tracks visible. Sunday, just for her, I got my sled out of the shed and made a few loops around the field and house. The field does look better.

At work last week, I operated an excavator that was on a work barge. As the excavator boom and went up and down or swung side to side, it caused the barge to counter move.

It took me a while to get accustomed to the extra movements. I wondered for a while if I would need some Dramamine.

The Upton Selectmen will meet the last week of December to "close the books" on 2016.

Please send an email to backstjoe@gmail.com to share your local news.

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Poland Spring proposes water contract in Rumford

By Kathryn Skelton
Sun Media

Some 175 ratepayers and residents gathered in Rumford last Wednesday for a marathon meeting as Poland Spring proposed drawing water from the Ellis River watershed.

Mark Dubois, a geologist and natural resource manager for the company, led a team of four people who pitched a 15- to 20-year contract to the Rumford Water District for Poland Spring to draw up to 150 million gallons a year from two new wells on district property off Route 5.

In exchange, Poland Spring could pay the district more than \$400,000 in annual lease and water payments.

Following the 100-minute presentation, ratepayers and residents had their turn to ask questions, although they were limited to two minutes each.

Resident Jon Starr was one of several people calling for a voluntary six-month moratorium on this issue.

"The water is going to be here forever," Starr said.

"Nestle (Poland Spring's parent company) is going to be here forever. Six months doesn't seem like a heck of a long time."

Andrew Hamilton of Eaton Peabody Attorneys at Law, legal counsel for the Water District, said, "There's going to be plenty of opportunity for input. Some people may want this to be a town meeting vote. This is the property of the Water District. This is the determination of the Water District. Unless or until the charter is changed, the decision has to be made by the trustees."

He added, "Once we get to a contract that is ready for public review, I will advise the trustees: 'Do not approve an agreement until there's been an opportunity for public input.' So residents and customers, yes, will have an opportunity."

James Thibodeau, chairman of the Water District board of trustees, said, "We're here to do what's right for the customers and the district. We don't look at things as greed. We look at things as black and white. Any decision we make will be made on business, not personal

feelings."

He said, "The District will only consider an agreement to sell water to Poland Springs if the agreement: (1) allows the District to continue to provide a safe, reliable source of water to all its customers without harm to the sustainable yield of the Ellis River aquifer; (2) stabilizes or even lower rates for its customers; and (3) creates economic and social benefits for the community."

Hamilton noted that Ricky Pershken, technical consultant for the Water District, will be looking over the data presented by Poland Spring.

Water would be piped to a loading station on Route 2 and hauled away by an estimated average of 50 to 55 trucks per day.

The exact amount to be withdrawn, financial specifics and the number of trucks all still have to be hammered out, Dubois said in an interview Tuesday. Those figures would be based on how much water the Maine Department of Environmental Protection rules is safe to pull out of the aquifer.

Before it gets to that stage, at least two of the

three Water District trustees have to say yes. And before that, there has to be a public hearing.

Poland Spring, the No. 1-selling bottled spring water in the U.S., first approached Gagnon two years ago about exploring the water in Rumford. The Poland Spring brand is fed entirely from Maine water, last year pumping out 875 million gallons, according to state records.

Demand has been growing and it's been six years since the company tapped a new site.

Dubois said an intensive test the week of Oct. 13 on Rumford Water District land pumped 300 gallons of water per minute for 48 hours, took a short break, then pumped 100 gallons per minute for 72 hours.

Impact on the aquifer was measured inside the district's Milligan Well and inside monitoring wells at three neighboring homes.

"We were trying to answer this question of yes or no, is the site sustainable? And it is. That's what we're reporting back," Dubois said. "We determined there's very little influence on (Rumford's) existing supply and we deter-

mined there's no to very little influence on those off-site wells."

The Water District right now draws 400,000 gallons a day from Milligan Well for its customers, he said.

Poland Spring is proposing drawing as much as 432,000 gallons a day on top of that — an average of 300 gallons per minute for 150 million gallons per year.

At that rate, Poland Spring is proposing paying the water district \$411,000 a year; \$267,000 for water and \$12,000 a month to lease space on the district's land.

If the DEP approved a smaller withdrawal, 100 million gallons, the district would receive \$322,000 a year; \$178,000 for water and \$12,000 a month for the lease.

"At 300 gallons a minute, it draws down the (test) well only 4 feet," Dubois said. "Within 24 hours, the water snaps right back."

According to Dubois, 223.6 million gallons of water flow out of the Ellis River watershed every day, measured by a U.S. Geological Survey gauge in Andover.

"We don't even think the (proposed) withdrawal

will be measurable off the 223 (million gallons)," Dubois said. "We don't even know if we can measure it; it's that small."

There would be ongoing monitoring of fish, habitat and the aquifer.

"We're going to talk about how it's going to be monitored in the future and by whom; that's the biggest question that we're getting from people," Dubois said. "That trust thing, we see it in every town. People don't want to trust an entity withdrawing water; they want to see somebody else that they can trust or a third party, independent."

The site picked by Poland Spring, North Spring B, has additionally been tested and has met the federal standard for spring water, he said.

Under Poland Spring's proposal, water drawn from it would be piped 2 1/4 miles to a loading station on private land off Route 2. If Water District trustees accept, plans would still have to pass through the Maine Public Utilities Commission and the Maine DEP.

The site wouldn't be operational until 2018, which is also when a still-to-be-defined community benefit would kick in, Dubois said. What local project or projects Poland Spring would contribute to — and how much — is still being discussed.

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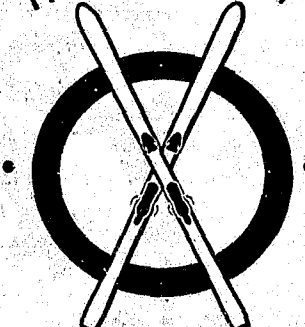


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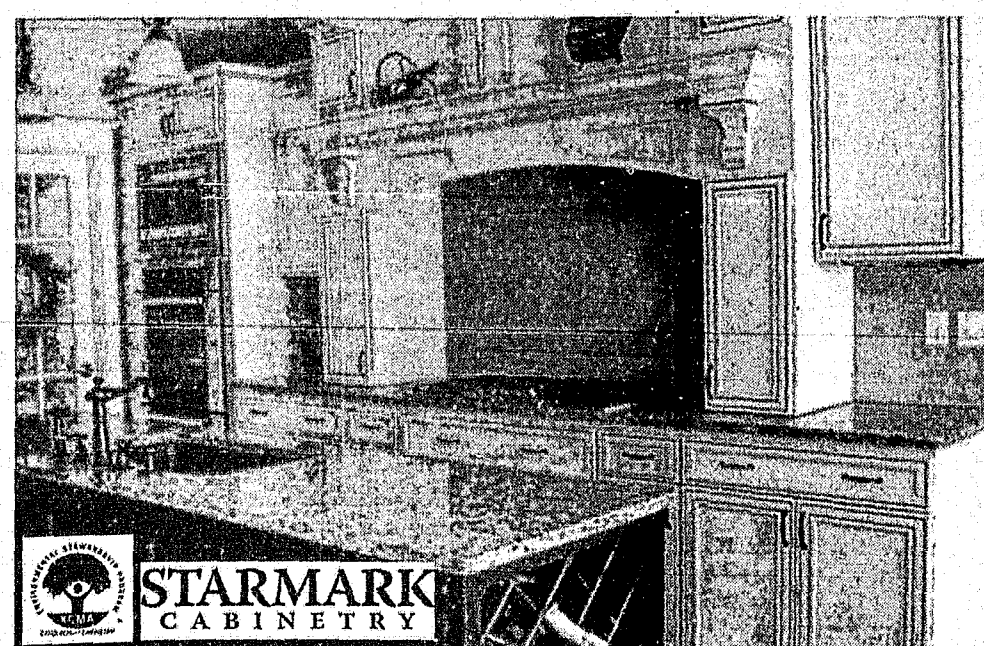
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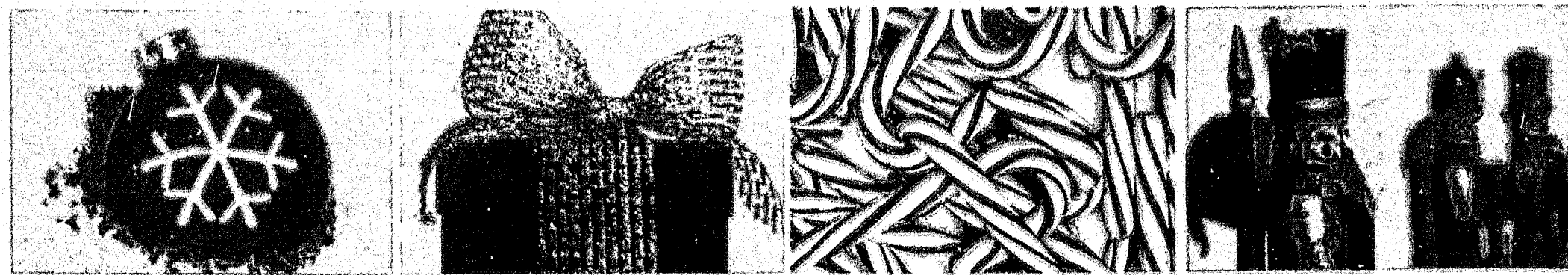
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Sleigh Rides at The Bethel Inn Resort Saturday, December 17

Every half hour from 5-7:30pm, a trip along the beautiful trails behind The Bethel Inn Resort.

Fireworks at Sunday River Saturday, December 17

From 8:30-10pm. Best viewing is slopeside at South Ridge or The Foggy Goggle deck.

Christmas Cantata: Shout the Good News Sunday, December 18

4pm at Locke Mills Union Church. "Shout the Good News," by Lloyd Larson. Performed by the community choir from area churches. Directed by Patricia Boyle-Wight.

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Gould Academy Yulefest Concert Wednesday, December 21

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Italian Egg Rolls

½ cup onion, chopped
½ cup green pepper, chopped
2 tbsp oil
1 lb. ground sweet or hot Italian pork sausage
2 10 oz. pkgs frozen spinach, thawed and drained
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
3 cups shredded Mozzarella cheese
½ tsp garlic powder
14 oz. pkg egg roll wrappers
olive oil for deep frying
Garnish: pizza sauce, warmed

In a skillet over medium heat, sauté onion and green pepper in oil. Remove to a medium bowl and set aside. Brown sausage in skillet, drain and combine with onion mixture. Add spinach, cheeses, and garlic powder, mix well. Top each egg roll wrapper with 3 tablespoons of mixture and roll up, following directions on egg roll package. Heat 3 to 4 inches of oil in a deep fryer. Add egg rolls a few at a time, frying until golden. Drain on paper towels. Serve warm with pizza sauce for dipping. Makes 8.

Panzanella Salad

½ cup olive oil, divided
1 loaf French bread, cut into 1-inch cubes
1 tsp salt
2 to 3 ripe tomatoes, cut into 1-inch cubes
1 red pepper, cut into 1-inch cubes
1 cucumber, sliced ½-inch thick
½ red onion, halved and thinly sliced
1 bunch fresh basil, coarsely chopped
3 tbsp capers
Optional: salt and pepper to taste

Vinaigrette:

1 tsp garlic, minced
½ tsp Dijon mustard
3 tbsp champagne vinegar
½ cup olive oil
½ tsp salt
¼ tsp pepper

Heat 2 tablespoons oil over low to medium heat in a large skillet. Add bread and salt to skillet. Sauté until deep golden, about 10 minutes, tossing frequently and adding remaining oil as needed. Drain on paper towels. Mix remaining ingredients except salt and pepper in a large salad bowl and add bread. Whisk together all vinaigrette ingredients. Drizzle salad with vinaigrette and toss. Add salt and pepper to taste, if desired. Let stand for 30 minutes before serving. Makes 12 servings.

Chicken Parmigiana

1 egg
¾ cup milk
salt & pepper to taste
2 cups Italian-seasoned dry bread crumbs
4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
2 tbsp oil
26 oz. jar spaghetti sauce, divided
1 to 2 cups Mozzarella cheese
cooked spaghetti

Beat together egg and milk in a deep bowl. Add salt and pepper, set aside. Place bread crumbs in a shallow bowl. Dip chicken breasts into egg mixture and coat with crumb mixture. Heat oil in a skillet. Over medium heat, cook chicken just until golden brown on both sides. Add one cup of sauce to the bottom of a slow cooker and top with chicken. Spoon remaining sauce over chicken. Cover and cook on low setting for 6 to 8 hours. About 15 minutes before serving, sprinkle cheese over top and cover until melted. Serve chicken and sauce over cooked spaghetti. Makes 4 servings.

Herbed Cheese Focaccia

13.8 oz. tube refrigerated pizza dough
1 onion, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tbsp olive oil
1 tsp dried basil
1 tsp dried oregano
½ tsp dried rosemary
1 cup shredded Mozzarella cheese

Unroll dough on a greased baking sheet. Press with fingers to form indentations and set aside. Sauté onion and garlic in oil in a skillet and remove from heat. Stir in herbs. Spread mixture evenly over dough. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 400 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes, until golden. Serves 12 to 14.

Mom's Italian Biscotti

5½ cups all-purpose flour
1 tbsp plus 2 tsp baking powder
¾ cup butter, softened
1½ cups sugar
6 eggs
2 lemons, zested and juiced
3½ cups powdered sugar

Mix together flour, baking powder, butter and sugar and form a well in the center. Add eggs and lemon zest. Knead until dough is smooth. Shape dough into 2-inch balls on a floured surface. Roll each into a 7-inch rope. Twist into knots. Place on lightly greased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 18 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Combine lemon juice and powdered sugar and drizzle over cookies. Makes 3 dozen.

Dianna's Best Tiramisu

1 cup coffee, brewed and cooled
½ cup plus 1 tbsp sugar, divided
2 8 oz. pkgs cream cheese, softened
2 tbsp almond-flavored liqueur
OR ¼ to ½ tsp almond extract
12 oz. container frozen whipped topping, thawed
16 oz. pound cake sliced into 30 slices
1 tbsp baking cocoa

In a medium bowl, combine coffee and one tablespoon sugar and set aside. Using an electric mixer, set on medium speed and beat cream cheese until fluffy. Add remaining sugar and almond liqueur or extract. Gently fold in whipped topping and set aside. Layer 10 cake slices on the bottom of an ungreased 13"x9" baking pan. With a pastry brush, apply 1/3 of coffee mixture to cake. Top with 1/3 of cream cheese mixture. Repeat 2 more times to create 3 layers. Sprinkle cocoa over top and refrigerate overnight. Makes 16 to 24 servings.

Italian Cheese Cookies

2 cups sugar
1 cup butter, softened
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 tsp salt
15 oz. container ricotta cheese
4 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking soda

Sweet Vanilla Icing:

¾ cup plus 1 tbsp sweetened condensed milk
½ cup butter, softened
1 tsp vanilla extract
2 cups powdered sugar
Optional: red food coloring

Use an electric mixer on medium speed to blend sugar, butter, vanilla, salt and ricotta cheese. Gradually stir in flour and mix in baking soda. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 13 minutes. Cool on wire racks.

To prepare Sweet Vanilla Icing:

Mix all icing ingredients with an electric mixer on low speed. Spread Sweet Vanilla Icing over cookies.

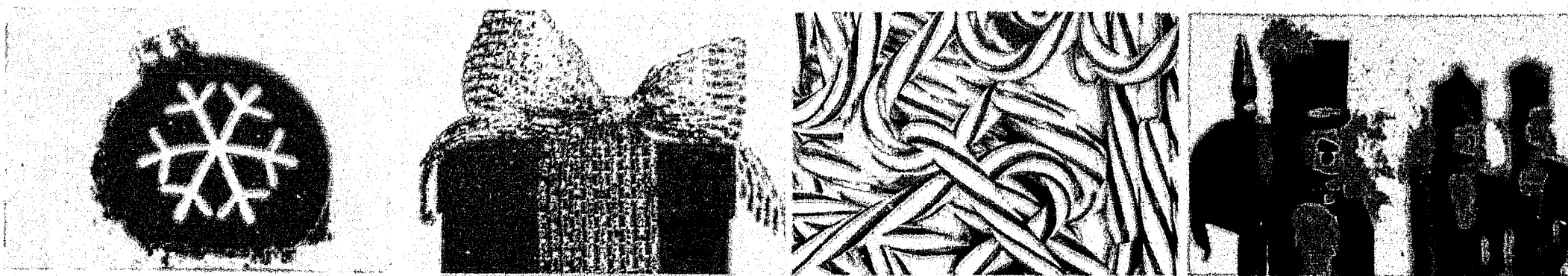
Makes about 4 dozen cookies.

Cranberry Tea Punch

1 gallon water
2 cups sugar
6 tea bags
2 tbsp whole cloves
3 4-inch cinnamon sticks
6 oz. pkg raspberry gelatin mix
4 cups cranberry juice
2 cups apple juice
6 oz. can frozen orange juice concentrate
1 cup lemon juice

In a large Dutch oven over high heat, bring water and sugar to a boil. Stir until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat. Add tea bags and steep for 6 minutes. Discard tea bags. Enclose cloves and cinnamon sticks in a coffee filter, securing with a twist tie. Add to tea. Steep an additional 30 minutes. Discard coffee filter and spices. Add dry gelatin mix and remaining ingredients. Stir until well mixed. May be served hot or cold. Makes 1-1½ gallons.





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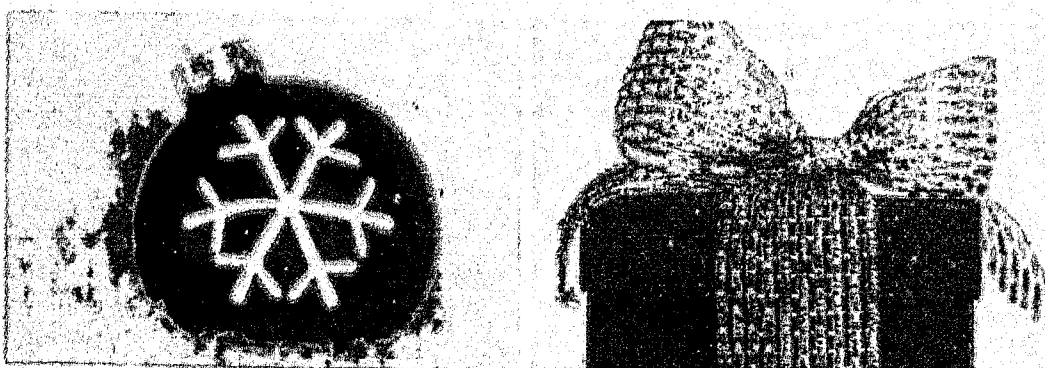
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The History of Holiday Lights



Holiday celebrants employ holiday lights in various ways. Certain individuals may be content to hang lights on their Christmas trees and call their decorating complete. Others may get their holiday jollies by making sure each square inch of their home is covered in twinkling lights. Still, other people prefer the more subdued effect of lights framing one picture window of the house.

The tradition of Christmas lights stretches back to early modern Germany when people used candles to decorate Christmas trees in Christian homes. Those candles were harbingers of what would come when electric lights replaced gas and other open flame illuminating devices that were commonplace prior to the 20th century.

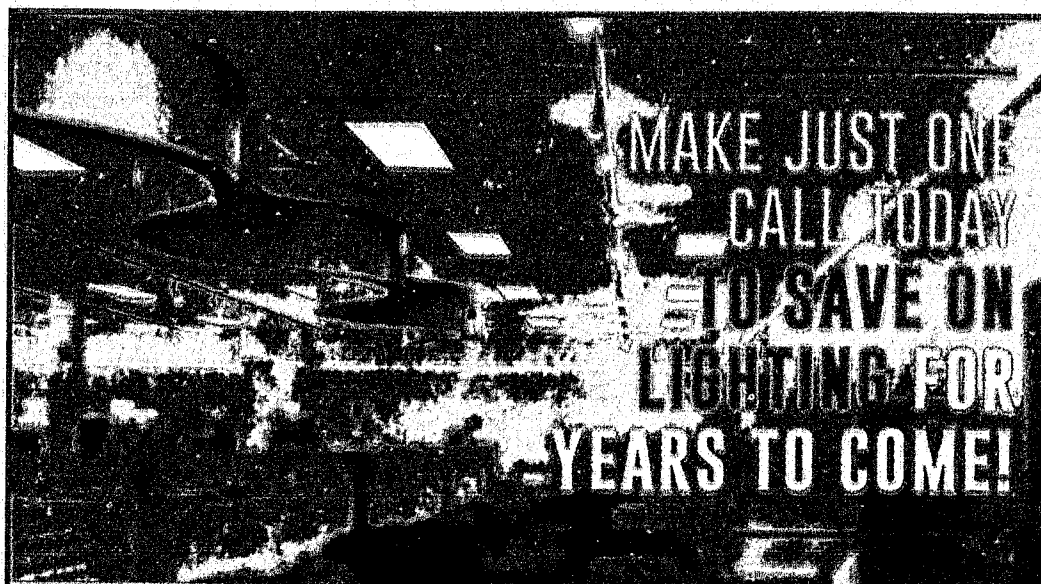
Thomas Edison, the inventor of the first successful practical light bulb, also created the first strand of electric lights that would be used in holiday decorating. By 1880, Edison had standard incandescent light bulbs well sorted out and desired a way to better advertise his invention, so he decided to make the most of the holiday season and put his light bulbs on display. According to a 2003 article in American Heritage magazine titled "The Wizard of Your Christmas Tree," Edison strung incandescent bulbs all around the compound of his Menlo Park, NJ, laboratory. Edison constructed

an eight-mile underground wiring system in order to power this grand light display. Because the laboratory was situated along the railroad that passed between Manhattan and Philadelphia, thousands of people were able to see the display.

The concept of electric holiday lights took a bit of time to catch on. Edison's friend and associate Edward Johnson was tasked with stringing together colored lights in 1882 and placing them on an evergreen tree. Johnson hand-wired 80 red, white and blue light bulbs. In 1895, President Grover Cleveland requested the White House family Christmas tree be illuminated by multi-colored electric light bulbs.

In 1903, when General Electric began to offer pre-assembled kits of holiday lights, strung lights were reserved for the wealthy and electrically savvy. For example, in 1903 a single string of electric lights cost \$12, or around \$300 today.

It would take several more years before holiday lights became a national tradition. On Christmas Eve 1923, President Calvin Coolidge began the country's celebration of Christmas by lighting the National Christmas Tree on the Ellipse located south of the White House with 3,000 electric lights.



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By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN



There will be a benefit dance for Anita Hakala at the Legion Hall on the Gore Road this Saturday, Dec. 17, from 7-10 p.m. The Shadagee Ramblers will be playing, and the event is BYOB, with refreshments available. Donations will be accepted at the door and will go toward helping to purchase a stair lift for Anita's home.

Henry Stewart was expecting to be moved from Massachusetts General Hospital to a rehab hospital at the beginning of this week. Pat reports that his recuperation is progressing very well, and he will be receiving lots of physical therapy to help him regain his strength. He has been enjoying the cards he has received from his Greenwood friends and neighbors. (Henry Stewart, 150 Appleton St., Boston, Mass. 02116.)

I measured about seven inches of snow from Monday's storm. I was glad I didn't have to leave the house all day, except to go out to do some shoveling once it stopped falling. I spent most of the day in the kitchen, making more cookies and a quadruple batch of granola to give as Christmas gifts.

As of Monday, my 2016 holiday cookie count has surpassed the 2,000 mark, and I still have a batch of dough for chocolate crinkles in the refrigerator. I'm running out of room in the freezer to store all the finished cookies, so it's a good thing I'm just about done.

This was the first year that, in addition to keeping a tally of all the different kinds of cookies and the grand total, I've also kept track of the time I've put in to make them, which now totals about 31 hours. Next year maybe I'll keep track of the cost of all the ingredients—or maybe not; it might shock me into giving up the tradition. I do know that I've gone through about \$50 worth of butter alone in the past two weeks.

This year I've tried out a couple of new recipes from the Betty Crocker Cooky Book, including lemon snowdrops. They are delicious, but a bit fussy, since the recipe entails baking the cookies, making a lemon filling, putting them together in pairs with the

filling in the middle, and rolling them in confectioner's sugar. They're a drop cookie that you flatten slightly before baking, and since I don't own a really tiny cookie scoop, mine didn't all come out the same size, or even all exactly round. Matching them up was a challenge on the order of pairing up socks from a week's worth of laundry when all the kids were living at home.

I also tried something different with one double batch of Spritz. I used the star plate in the press and made about 300 small cookies, then melted semi-sweet chocolate, piped it onto them with a pastry bag, and put them together in pairs. They're similar to Pepperidge Farm cookies, except, of course, even better, because they're homemade.

The local Age Friendly Community Initiative would like to add an alternate member from Greenwood to their team, which consists of representatives from Bethel, Greenwood, Woodstock, and Newry. Peter Musso is our primary representative on the team, which has been working on ways to make the local area a better place for seniors to "age in place" instead of having to move away as they grow older. If you're interested in joining the team, please let Town Manager Kim Sparks know.

The food scrap recycling program is up and running at the transfer station. I'm using an old canning kettle lined with a small trash bag to save my scraps under the kitchen sink. It keeps the yucky stuff out of the regular trash and cuts down on the volume of waste that goes into the compactor.

Enjoy the snow! Email your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, find me on Facebook, or give me a call at 890-4812.

"No matter how much falls on us, we keep plowing ahead. That's the only way to keep the roads clear." —Greg Kincaid

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Franklin Grange 124 met at the Grange Hall on Saturday evening on Dec. 3. A 6 p.m. delicious supper of turkey and fixings was held, followed by a meeting, then a program and exchange

Varsity Girl's Basketball

Gould 57, Kents Hill School 11; Dec. 10- The Huskies took control of the game early in the first quarter behind some stifling defense by the starting five. Priscilla Berdeja did an excellent job of getting into the offense which led to several baskets. Everyone on the team saw extensive playing time in this game. The scoring leaders were Amelia McMillian with 16 points on a perfect 7/7 shooting, Priscilla Berdeja with 11 points and six assists. Other contributors included Kayley Cadet and Eva McMillan, each with 10 points, Ellen Abayo with eight points and Caroline Newell with two points.

Varsity Boys' Basketball

Gould 77 - Lee Academy 72; Dec. 11- The game started with dominant play at the rim from Lee Academy's Forwards. Once Gould took their first timeout they faced a double digit deficit. For the remainder of the game the Huskies turned on their offensive horsepower and did their best to limit their first half turnovers. At the half it was a two possession difference in favor of the Pandas. In the second half the relentless drives to the basket from Guard Skyler Nash '17 and the sharp shooting from deep from Guard George Papas '17 put Gould on top and help to secure the win from the Lee Academy Pandas. Gould Key Players: Skyler Nash '17 26 pts; George Papas '17 23 pts; D'Andre Johnson '17 11 pts.

of gifts. The program contained a reading by Peter on how to regift a gift. A sing along with Laura playing the piano was had. Christine read two poems she had written. The next meeting is Jan. 7 (a day meeting) at Alice Hoyt's with a potluck dinner following.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15 for all ages, Morning Worship at 10:30, evening services at 6 p.m. Mid-week service is at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings, also Bloom for Girls (13 to 18) and Foundations for Guys (15 and up).

On Saturday, Dec. 3 the church Christmas party was held, with a tableful of candy and snacks enjoyed by 30 people. A Yankee Swap and games were also enjoyed. Much thanks to Pastor Jones and Paula. Also, thank you to the girls for a very enjoyable time of fun and fellowship and all their hard work to prepare it.

Saturday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. will be the annual Candlelight Service. Anyone is welcome to attend. Sunday, Dec. 25 there will be no Sunday School or evening service but the 10:30 morning worship will be held as usual.

If you have year ending reports for the annual meeting, please have them to the pastor by Dec. 31.

On Dec. 2 the town Christmas tree lighting was held. Then Santa greeted the children at the

Woodstock school. Many thanks to the firemen for putting the lights on the tree. It is very pretty.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Awoke to a very snowy day, pretty as the snow covers the trees and ground. The sky is finally blue, and the sun is making an appearance.

Slowly but surely getting settled into our home and so glad to be back in the valley once again. We lived here for five years and were disappointed when the landlord said he was moving back from S.C. We were gone for three months, but it's so good to be back among great neighbors and friends again.

We are getting settled in slowly, lots of things going to Goodwill and Salvation Army, cutting back on a lot of the things I have not used in months.

We spent Thursday in the city at the specialist's office; go for blood tests Tuesday.

We entertained the residents at Russell Park on Friday. It was good seeing all the familiar faces and even got to see Kerry McKeen.

Yogi is doing a bit of snowing blowing. Denny was in earlier to plow the

Sports

MV Rec League Basketball Results

Week 2 of the MVRBL saw two teams remain undefeated, Laid Back Installers and Hotel Rumford. The league seems to have a balance of teams this year and it can be any team's ball game! Hotel Rumford, (2-0) held off a short handed, The Crew, (1-1), 84-73. JT Taylor was top for his team with 32 points (four threes), Scot New had 19 (5 threes), Craig Milledge 16 and Kyle Farrar 13. The Crew's Ryan Baillargeon had 25 points, Josh Thomas 21(5 threes) and Freddie Diligent contributed 17. Chapter 11, (1-1) got on the winning track with another shoot-out, this time against Jay, (0-2), defeating them 116-89. Top performer Jeff Manchester scorched the nets for 45 points and nine threes from way behind the arc. Tim Turner had 26 (four threes), Joe Gaudreau 21 (seven threes) and Dave St Germain added 14. Jay was hot in the first half but cooled off in the second. Robbie Babb led them with 22 tough points, Cliff Turner had 21(5 threes), Cody Dolloff had 20 points (six threes) and Eric Germelli added 10 more. Archies, (1-1) defeated M and M Carpentry, (1-1), 78-60. Cody St Germain led with 26 points, Tyler Chaisson had 16, Nick St Germain 14 and Glen Dubois 11. M and M was led by Matt Zetts with 18 points, while Joe Rodgers and Wayne Campbell added 14 each. LBI, (2-0) outlasted Bethel, (0-2), 60-56. Newcomer Cameron Sennick was top man with 20 points, Brandon Johnson was next with 18. Bethel got 11 each from Matt Zinchuk and Dom Haines.

driveway.

Aw, the sun is really shining and making a beautiful winter snow scene.

Birthday wishes to all who are celebrating this month.

Someone hit the neighbor's mailbox and pole and knocked it over into pieces one night last week. We were without TV, internet and phone service for several days, seems good to be back online.

Condolences to those who have recently lost a loved one or friend over the past few weeks, our love and prayers are with each of you.

Paula and I will be visiting with the residents at Rumford on Wednesday, Dec. 21, looking forward to seeing each one.

Well, that's all from the valley this week, stay well, enjoy your weekend.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Last week I decided to try and get a truck-load of pine logs yarded before the snows started in earnest for this winter. I almost made it in time, topping off my wood pile with a large pine tree late Sunday afternoon. Unfortunately, the snow came early Monday morning before D.A. Wilson could truck them.

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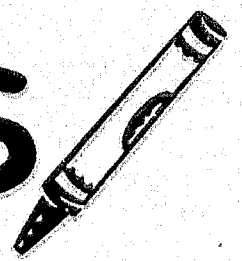
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MAHOOSUC KIDS



Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

Happy Snow Day! I hope the kids are out enjoying the snow. We will be getting out the sleds and snowshoes at MKA this week.

Congratulations to our LEGO team that competed with 60 other teams at the Augusta Civic Center on Saturday. We are all proud of the dedication and commitment this group of kids have given this team since September! In the new year, we will be offering an introduction to Robotics at CPS.

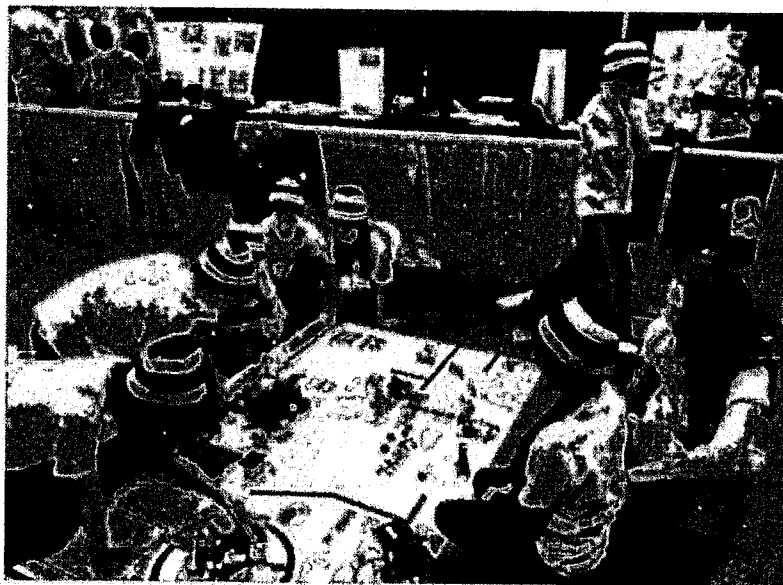
Congratulations are also in order for the Woodstock cast of "Sleeping Ugly" who performed for friends and family last Friday night. They did a fantastic job! Amanda Jordan and "Kids Create Theater" has been busy at MKA this fall directing both the TMS and WES productions. We will be sending out sign ups for the CPS spring production before vacation.

On behalf of everyone at MKA we want to wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season. Have some fun, get some rest, and enjoy your family.

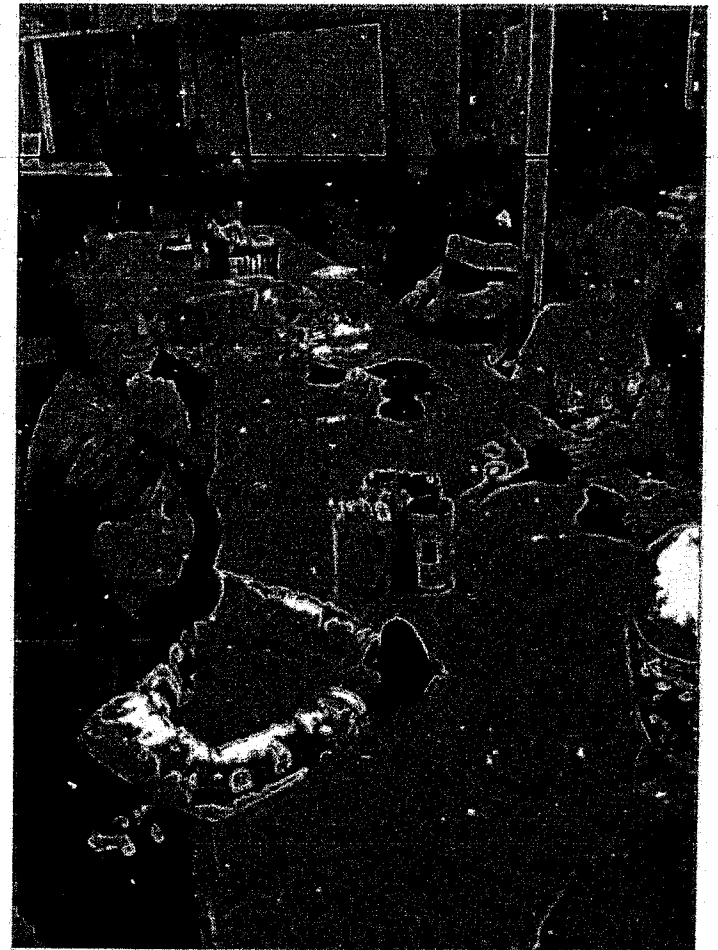
Julie Hart,
MKA Director



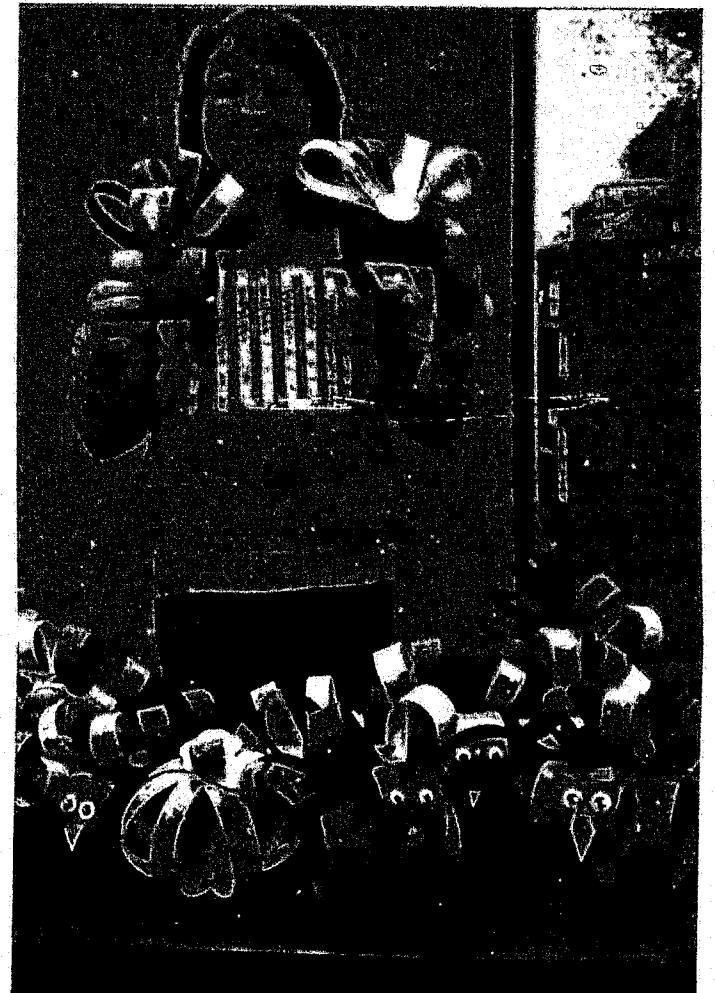
Congratulations to our LEGO team that competed with 60 other teams at the Augusta Civic Center on Saturday. We are all proud of the dedication and commitment this group of kids have given this team since September! Pictured above L to R: Corinne Nivus, David Trip, Chelsea Duclos, Isaac Greenberg, Coach Kate Slattery, Julius Woods, Dylan Greenberg, Utah Bean, Ellie Williams, and Coach Marie Keene.



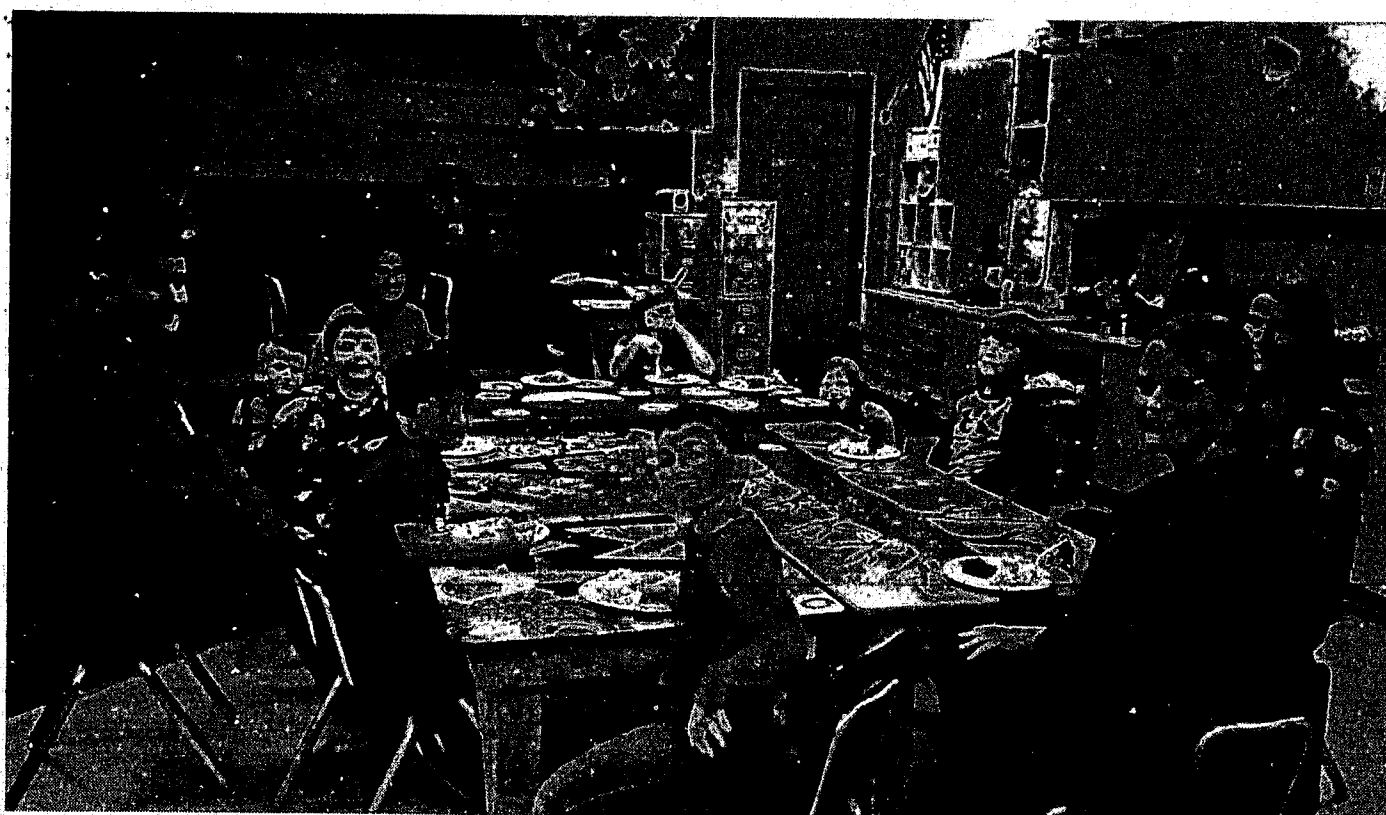
The LEGO team concentrates on their project.



Second Grade Sewing class with Mrs. Raymond.



Megan Millett with a table full of decorations that were made as a community service project.



MKA Thanksgiving Dinner! - Prepared entirely by the kids themselves and served family style.



Jayden making Christmas cards for the veterans. A big thanks to JuJu for coming in and volunteering her stamps and talent.



TMS MKA students made a treat for the NHS senior citizen meal. They were used for centerpieces then raffled off as door prizes.



Braden, Nyla, Megan, and Jozlyn learn how to make bread in a bag.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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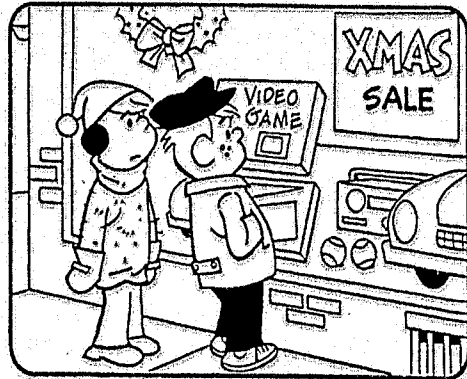
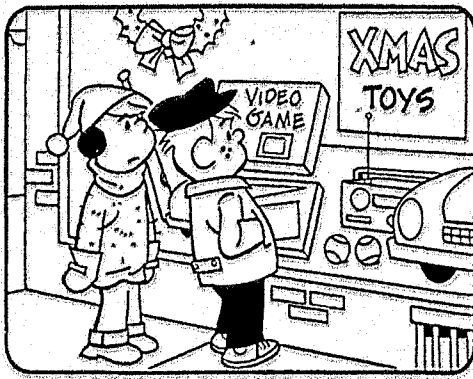
HP UP UIF CBSCFS? CFDBVTF JU

OFFEFE UP CF USJNNFE.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Tassel is shorter. 2. Cuffs are missing. 3. Baseball bat is missing.
4. Arm is shorter. 5. Sign is different. 6. Antenna is missing.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: N equals R

UC SZV'NK HVNNZVXQKQ FS

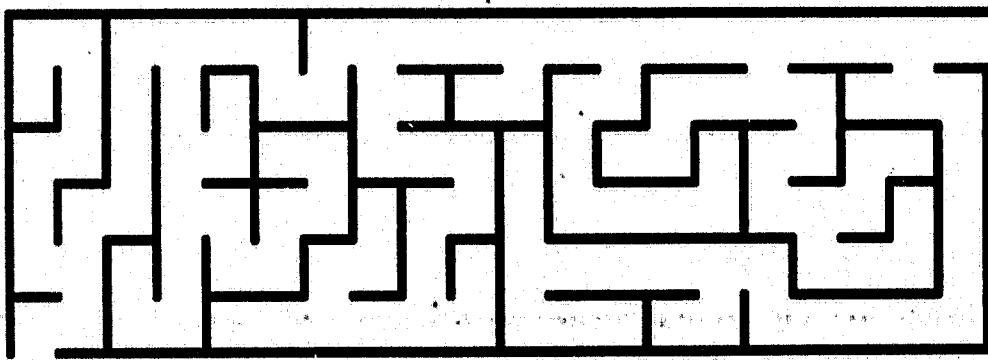
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MUGH JFZVG SZV.

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Kids' Maze

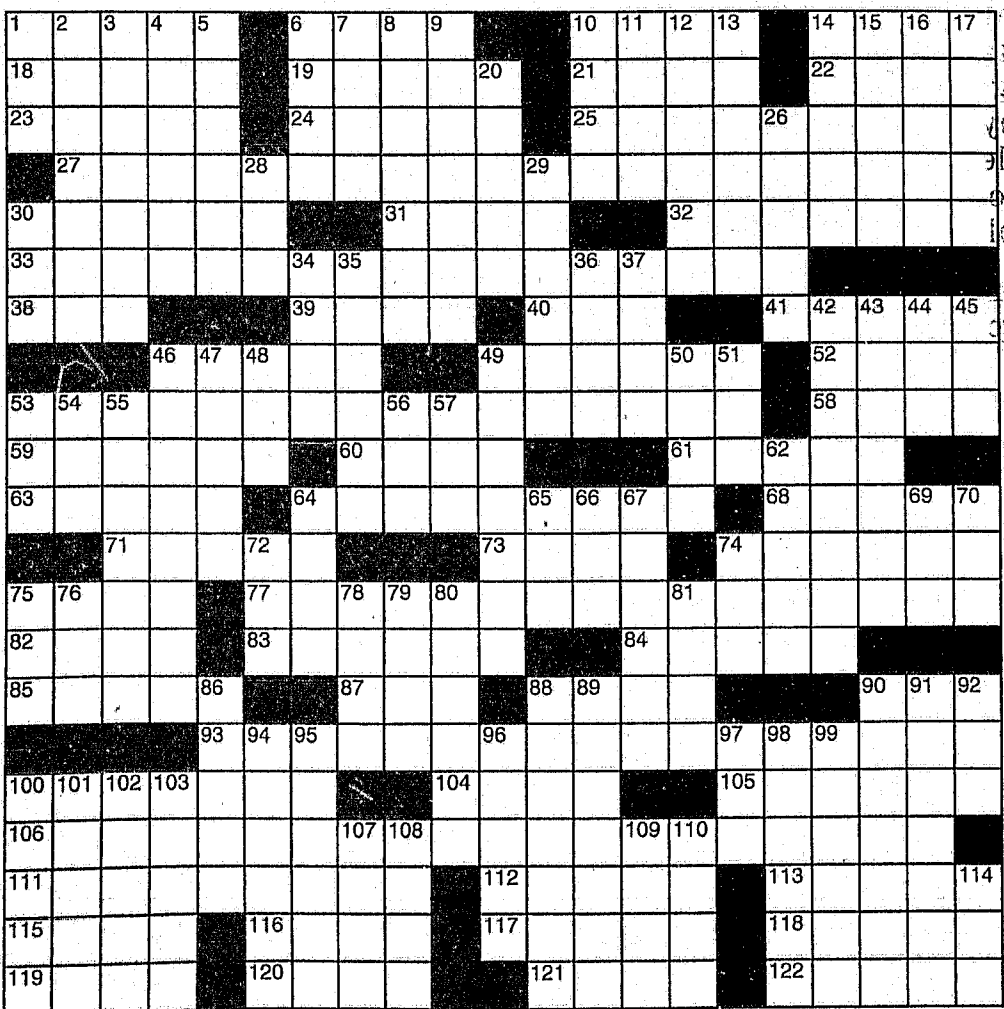


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Super Crossword

UNSPOKEN BEVERAGE OF CHOICE

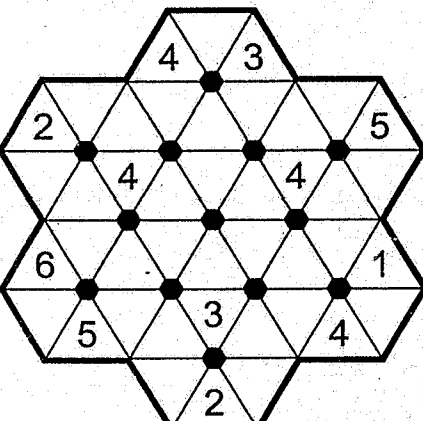
- ACROSS**
- 1 Out on — (in potential danger)
6 "I'm just sayin'," in a text
10 Letters after chis
14 Apple variety
18 — de Mayo
19 Indian melodies
21 "Don't say it!"
22 Famed flood figure
23 Challenges
24 School, in France
25 Card game for one
27 Start of a riddle
30 Popular Eli Lilly brand
31 Sacred vow
32 Tiddies
33 Riddle, part 2
38 Fit — bill
39 Sodium hydroxide, chemically
40 Lean — (shacks)
41 Octet count
46 "You Got It" singer
49 Ghostly spirit
- 52 Trivial lies
53 Riddle, part 3
58 Cozy spot
59 Publishes
60 Morales of Hollywood
61 Citrate, e.g.
63 Burrito
64 Riddle, part 4
68 Like a king
71 Pupa-to-be
73 Microwave, informally
74 Islamic holy city
75 Turn liquid
77 Riddle, part 5
82 — Lama
83 Like a scornful villain's face
84 "Für —" (piano classic)
85 Annual sports awards
87 TV actress
88 Roosevelt's terrier
90 — West (life jacket)
93 End of the riddle
96 At no charge
- 100 Devotee
104 Tombstone lawman
105 Theater area
106 Riddle's answer
111 Sent by plane, as a letter
112 Ghostly
113 Pop singer
114 Lopez
115 Word after a noun, often
116 Snow glider
117 "Fear Street" author R.L. —
118 Perfect spots
119 Big ice cream brand
120 Old fast jets
121 Finger sound
122 TV "explorer" and others
- DOWN**
- 1 Have a role on stage
2 Depend upon, as a decision
3 Physically fit
4 "Blind Willie —" (Bob Dylan song)
5 Partner of Herzegovina
6 At no charge
- 7 1993 siege site in Texas
8 1952 Walt Kelly comic strip collection
9 "The Misfits" actor Eli
10 Swank
11 "Flee, fly!"
12 Off the coast
13 Evening do
14 Out of place
15 Silk pattern
16 RBI king
17 The mating game?
20 Catches sight of, biblically
26 Josh
28 — Ops (CIA mind games)
29 — ya up to?"
30 Curious pet
34 See 70-Down
35 "Taboo" cable chan.
36 Copy a tiger
37 "Keep dreaming!"
42 Assuming it's necessary
43 Fashion's Armani
44 "Veep" cable channel
- 45 "Tut" relative
46 Flees from flower petals
48 — my fault!
49 Singer
50 Stocking tips
51 168 in a wk.
53 Car navig. aid
54 Man-mouse link
55 Old indoor light source
56 "Go back" PC key
57 "... we'll — a cup o' kindness ..." Burns
62 Deuce beaters
64 Lyricist
65 Neighbor of Switz.
66 34th prez
67 Lowest tier of a parking garage, perhaps
69 "Further ..." Down
70 With 34-Down, chew out
72 Beetles, e.g., briefly
- 74 CAT scan relative
75 Three, in Milan
76 — been
78 "Judge not, lest — judged"
79 Roe, e.g.
80 Spouts forth
81 Biblical kingdom
86 "Yes and no"
88 Mink cousins
89 Pain-relief pill
90 More clouded
91 Insect feeler
92 Conceit
94 Careless
95 Boring tools
96 Devil's place
97 Notable time
98 Leaning
99 Afro, e.g.
100 Tequila plant
101 Dehydrated
102 Cheerful
103 Feet, in verse
107 Cross paths
108 Roush and Byrnes
109 Singer
110 Don't discard
114 Mag. printing



SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

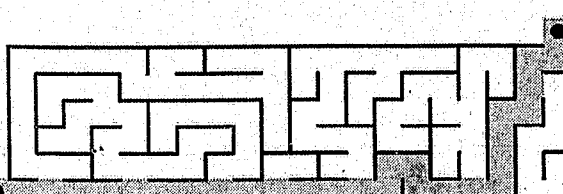
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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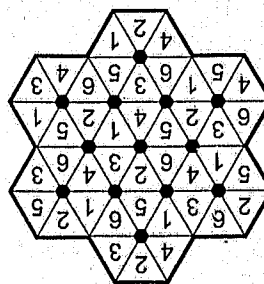


Kids' Maze Solution

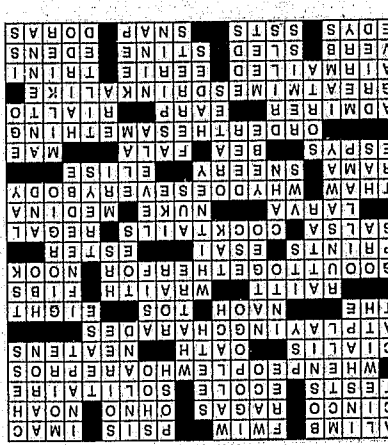
CryptoQuip
If you're surrounded by several wisecracking folks, then I guess you have your wits about you.

SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. Morose; 2. Rage; 3. Spite; 4. Romp
Today's Word
MIRROR

Puzzles4Kids
Answer
Why did the Christmas tree go to the bank?
Because it needed to be trimmed.



SNOWFLAKES
solution



Super Crossword
Answers

9	8	8	2	7	5	6	1	3	4
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Weekly sudoku
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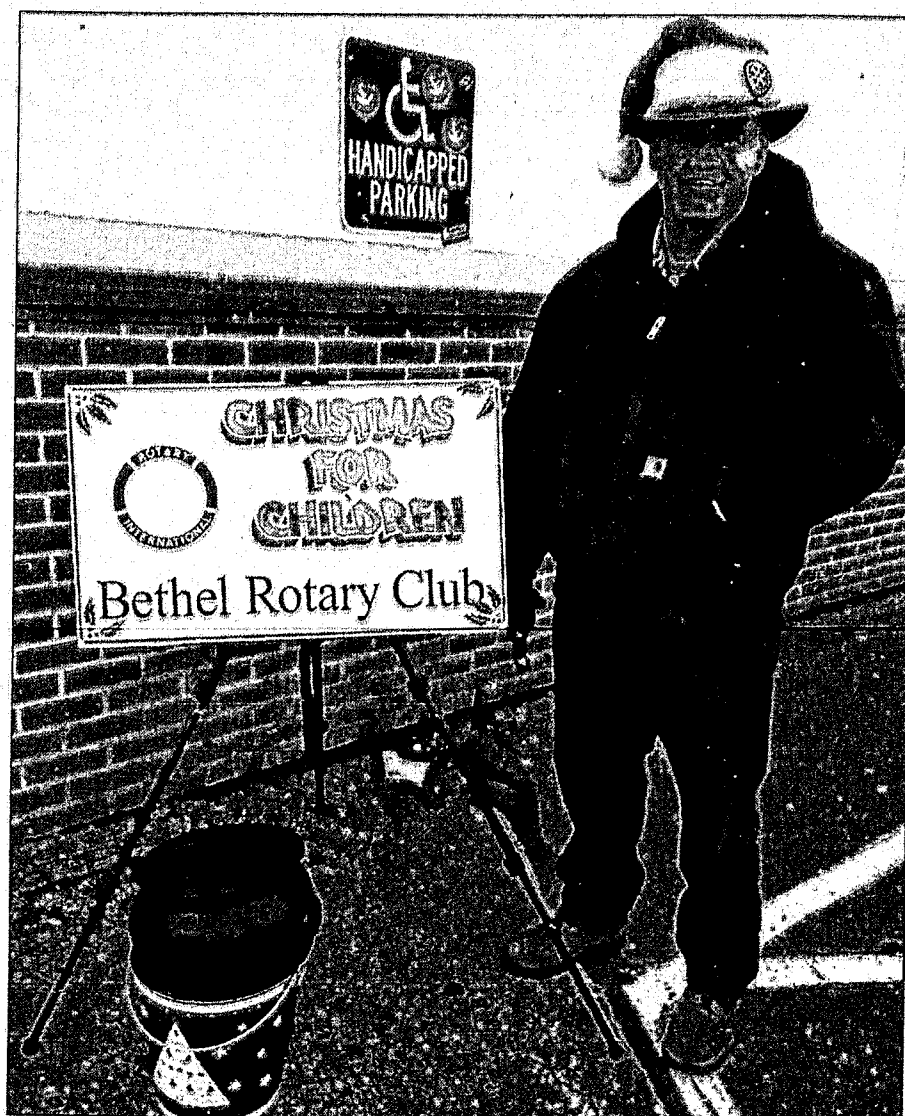
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AFCI CELEBRATION—The Age-Friendly Community Initiative Project Team has been meeting for a year and a half and has made great progress in addressing community needs as identified by the participating communities of Bethel, Woodstock, Greenwood, and Newry. In celebration of the completion of their Action Plan, which notes projects already underway, as well as those identified for the near future, the team enjoyed a potluck dinner at Jan Stowell's home in Bethel. Pictured, from bottom left: Kay Larson, Judy Whitman, Nancy Davis, Peter Musso, Linda McDonough, Jane Chandler, Jackie Cressy, Eliza Barnes, Allen Cressy, Rosabelle Tiff, and Jan Stowell. Absent from photo: Jim Chandler and Brooks Morton.

Peter Morelli, AARP



Rotarian Dave Fraher rang the bell last December for Christmas for Children. Rotarians will be ringing the bell this weekend, Dec. 16 – 18 in front of the Bethel Foodliner to collect donations. Rotary's Christmas for Children's program assists 200 children in need during the holiday season. FMI www.BethelRotary.org or Bethel Rotary Facebook.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 15

CPS Holiday Concert; Grades 3-4-5, band and chorus, 6 p.m. Snow date Tuesday, Dec. 20, 6 p.m.

Poetry Lovers Gathering; Poets and poetry lovers will meet from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Rumford Public Library. Light refreshments, then readings of poems old and new and lively talk will follow. Come, bring a friend, bring a poem. Free and open to the public. Information: 364-3661.

Norway Memorial Library Cookie and Book Swap Program; A cookie and book swap from 6:30-8 p.m. Participants will bring two dozen of their favorite holiday cookies to exchange. Those attending will find new recipes to add to their list of favorite cookies, and a chance to relax and socialize at the library during the busy holiday season. Also, attendees will swap gently used books. Remember to bring a container to take home your cookies and bring a copy of your recipe. To register, please call the information desk at 743-5309 ext.1 or visit the library's website at www.norway.lib.me.us.

Friday, Dec. 16

Youth Mental Health First Aid Course; This will be held at the West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. This course focuses on recognizing and responding to mental health challenges in adolescents/teens. Free to participants with a \$5 lunch fee. For more information and to register for any of these courses, go to <http://www.nami-maine.org/events> or call NAMI Maine: 800-464-5767 ext. 2320. For local information, you may call NAMI Western Mountains affiliate leader Dottie Adams, 364-2197.

Give Peace a Dance; Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Auditorium, 7 p.m. \$5 advance tickets may be purchased at Books N Things in Norway and the dance studios during operating hours. Admission at the door is \$7. Doors open at 6:30. Over 50 students and their teachers will be performing jazz, modern, ballet, tap, improvisation and world dance. For more information contact debi@artmovesdance.com or call Sasha at 207-890-0514. Snow date is Dec. 21.

Ladies Night and Holiday Shopping Bazaar; 5:30-8 p.m. at the Gem Theater. Join us to relax, socialize and maybe do some shopping to support Bethel small businesses. At 7 p.m. we'll be showing a free holiday movie for kids and adults.

Art Opening; A reception will be held at the Gallery at the Mill Hill Inn from 5-8 p.m. for an exhibition of paintings by local artist Melanie Tornberg, "Over the Hills and Far Away." This event is free and open to all. Refreshments will be provided, and music will be by keyboard player Matthew Draper.

Bell Ringing; A benefit for the Rotary's Christmas for Children program in front of the Bethel Foodliner.

Saturday, Dec. 17

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides; Meet at the north end of the town common near

the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel Village, 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by Smokin' Good BBQ.

Christmas Tree Lighting; at the American Legion Hall, Locke Mills. Lights are available in memory or honor of your loved ones at \$3 per light. Please contact Jamie Hastings at 890-2812 or Susan Vacca (mainewabbits@gmail.com) or mail your donation and list to American Legion Auxiliary, P. O. Box 178, Greenwood, Maine 04255 before Dec. 10.

Dance; 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. featuring the Jones Band at the Buckfield Masonic Hall (playing old fashioned music.) Adults \$5.

Stair Chair Lift Benefit for Anita Hakala; 7 p.m.-10 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 595 Gore Road, Locke Mills. Entertainment provided by Shadagee Ramblers. Donations at the door. BYOB with beverages and hot dogs available. FMI Ray 890-3737, Dellie 515-1419, Gary 381-7231.

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Sunday, Dec. 18

Greenwood Fiddle Jam; 1-4 p.m. Slow jam from 1-2 p.m. Acoustic instruments welcome to play Scottish, Irish, contra dance, Québécois tunes. See the Greenwood Fiddle Jam page on Facebook for more info.

Annual Christmas Cantata; "Shout the Good News" by Lloyd Larson, at Locke Mills Union Church performed by a community choir and instrumentalists. 4 p.m. Refreshments following. Everyone welcome. Collection basket for donations for music and refreshments.

Living Nativity; 5 p.m. Living Nativity on the Bethel Common. The retelling of the Nativity Story featuring people from the community. All welcome!

Finnish-American Heritage Society of Maine Monthly Meeting; 2 p.m. at 8 Maple St. West Paris. Following our short business meeting, we will be enjoying a performance by the Oxford Hills Ukelele Group. As always, the program is open to the public and will feature a delicious coffee table.

Bell Ringing; A benefit for the Rotary's Christmas for Children program in front of the Bethel Foodliner.

Monday, Dec. 19

CPS Holiday Concert; Grades K, 1 & 2, 6 p.m. Snow date: Tuesday, Dec. 20, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 20

Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service; 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 34 Buckfield Road, South Paris. The weeks leading up to Christmas are filled with joy and celebration, but not everyone feels like celebrating. Grief, illness, aging, depression, loneliness, unemployment, and loss are magnified. Those in recovery often find it a challenge to stay sober. Even those not struggling may find patience wearing thin with the stress of preparations and expectations around the season. This ser-

vice provides a time and place of quiet solace and peace on the longest night of the year, and a reminder that the light does return. Please join us for a time of prayer, reflection, music and healing. All welcome.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

Santa Claus at Rumford Library; 1 p.m. Food and crafts.

Polar Express Jammies Party; 6 p.m. Join us for cookies, hot cocoa, and a holiday classic. Buy tickets online at www.thegemtheater.com. \$6. This event sold out last year!

Winter Solstice Hike; Enjoy a moderate half-hour hike up to the expansive view from the ledge at Hawk Mountain in Waterford. We will leave from the Hawk Mountain trailhead parking area at 1 p.m. Please wear comfortable boots, bring spikes if icy, and poles if desired. The Hawk Mountain trailhead and parking area are on Hawk Mountain Road, a one-third mile southeast of Mill Hill Road, South Waterford. 739-2124 for further information.

Thursday, Dec. 22

Polar Express Jammies Party; 6 p.m. Join us for cookies, hot cocoa, and a holiday classic. Buy tickets online at www.thegemtheater.com. \$6. This event sold out last year!

Friday, Dec. 23

Community Holiday Movie at The Gem; 7 pm. All ages, free event.

Saturday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; 5 p.m. First Universalist Church of West Paris. Readings, carols and a sing-along. In lieu of an offering, we are asking for non-perishable food donations for the local food pantry, or you can make a cash donation for the food pantry.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service; 6 p.m. at Bethel Alliance Church 251 Walkers Mills Rd. (across from the Telstar parking lot.) Call 207-824-2289 for details.

Christmas Eve Service; Locke Mills Union Church service at 6 p.m. There will no service on Christmas Day.

Sunday, Dec. 25

Christmas Morning Worship Service; 10 a.m. Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Rd. (across from the Telstar parking lot.) Call 207-824-2289 for details.

Saturday, Dec. 31

Dance; 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. featuring the Jones Band at the Buckfield Masonic Hall (playing old fashioned music.) Adults \$5.

Saturday, Jan. 14

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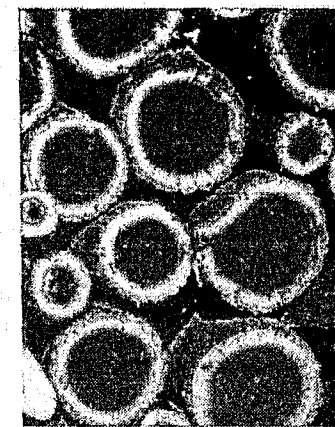
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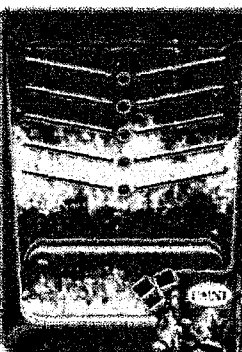
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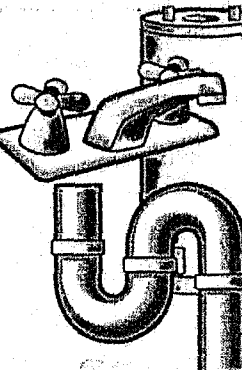
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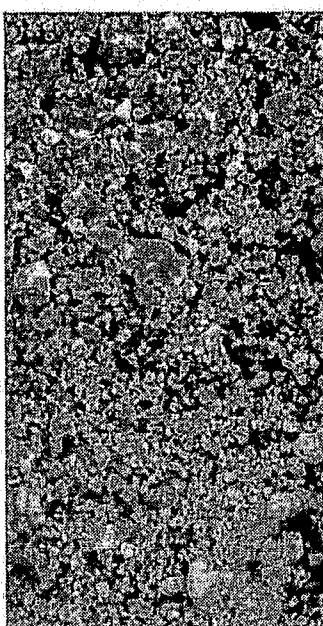
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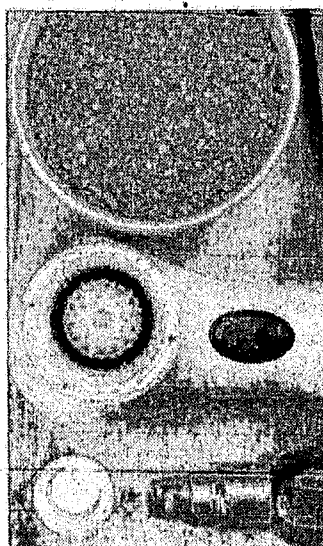
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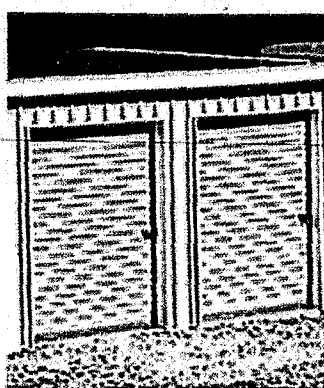
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By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It happened again. Even though I saved what I had written, I left it and went back, and it was gone. So here I am starting again. The changing weather has thrown me for a loop again. I do not wish for warm weather, but a more stable weather. In any case, it is what it is. The Co-op supper at Cafe Nomad last week was quite well attended, and the food was splendid. It was cooked by Anna Sysko from Newry, a long time Co-op member. She had a lot that even I could eat. In any case, a good time was had by all and the Co-op

made a few bucks for non-food things that needed to be taken care of.

Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. Norway Library is holding a book and cookie swap. Participants will bring two dozen of their favorite holiday cookies to exchange. They can also exchange gently used books and recipes of cookies. To register call 743-5309 X1.

On Dec. 17 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., there will be a Stair Lift Benefit for Anita Hakala at the American Legion Hall at 595 Gore Road in Locke Mills. Entertainment will be provided for by Shadagee Ramblers. Donations will be accepted at the door. BYOB but hot drinks and hot dogs will be available. FMI, call Ray at 890-3737,

Dellie at 515-1419, or Gary at 381-7231.

Monday, Dec. 28, at 7 p.m. at Waterford Public Library author Julie B. Yarbrough will be celebrating the release of her new coloring book "Dances with Wool." The author will be available to sign copies. FMI, call 583-2050.

Friday, Dec. 30 there will be a Chanukah Party at 5:30 p.m. Bring kids, grandkids, menorahs dreidels and other candlesticks. FMI, please call Elizabeth G. Roth at 256-0060 for details and location.

That will be all for this week. If you have something you want to be mentioned please call me at 743-0583. Stay warm and safe and enjoy whatever parties you attend.

Music for a Medieval Christmas

Music for a Medieval Christmas will be presented by the Calderwood Consort at the Christ Episcopal Church, 35 Paris St. Norway on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m.

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The Calderwood Consort has been performing early music throughout Maine since the mid-70s. They've appeared at the University of Maine Farmington and

Orono campuses, Unity, Bowdoin and Bates colleges, and many churches in Portland and the mid-coast. They have performed in concert with the Boston Camerata and choral groups throughout Maine. Members of Calderwood have included musicians with music degrees from Oxford University, The Royal Academy of Music, London and Bates College, as well as early music groups in Cincinnati and St. Louis.

In a typical program, you would hear sacred chants from England, the Continent, and Renaissance court music. Special programs celebrating important dates in history are available, and a unique two program offering has been added to the mix, titled "Sites and Sounds," music from early Greece through the Baroque with slides and narration.

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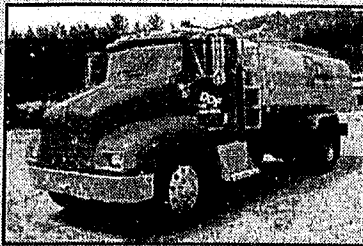
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Obituaries



JASON R. GLOVER

Jason Russell Glover, 46, of East Andover, Maine died Friday, Dec. 9, 2016, at the Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston, Maine.

He was born in Rumford on Jan. 27, 1970, the son of Sylvanus and Harriet (Parkman) Glover, and graduated from Telstar Regional High School in Bethel.

For many years he worked ground maintenance at the Bethel Inn & Country Club. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his father, Sylvanus Glover of East Andover; daughter

Brianna Glover of Gilead; son Calvin Glover of East Andover; his former wife Belinda Glover of Gilead; brother Butch Glover and wife Katie of East Andover; sisters Helen Smith and husband Gary of Brownville, Wendy Hansen and husband Wilbur "Bim" of Andover, and Gale Hill and husband Stan of Turner; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his mother, Harriet and a brother Gary.

A Celebration of Life for Jason will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 at the Andover Town Hall, Andover and is open to all friends and family.

Private graveside services in the spring will be held at the family's convenience.

Interment will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Andover.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to Andover Rescue, 38 South Main St., Andover, Maine 04216 in his memory.

Friends are invited to sign the family guest book and share their thoughts, condolences and memories online at www.mead-erandson.com.

The Gem fundraising for third movie screen

The Gem is an independent theater and co-working space in Bethel. The theater shows first-run movies and currently has two screens that have been converted to digital projection systems.

The purchase of the first two projectors was made possible by a community-wide fundraising campaign in December 2015. The theater officially opened in February 2016 and has become a center of community activity, hosting fundraisers for local non-profits, arts programming and a wide variety of movies.

However, due to "clean run" requirements from the major movie studios, independent film and arts programming can only be offered occasionally.

The Gem has launched a capital campaign to raise \$45,000 to purchase a third projector and create a dedicated screen for independent film and arts programming.

The goal is to raise

\$15,000 via a Kickstarter campaign (<https://www.kickstarter.com/project/610049959/the-gem-creates-a-space-for-art>) and \$15,000 directly from the community and through their website. If The Gem can meet this goal, The Stifler Family Foundation will match their effort 2 to 1 and contribute the remaining \$15,000 to meet the goal of purchasing a third projector for arts programming at The Gem.

To date, the Kickstarter campaign has raised \$8,175, 54 percent of the \$15,000 goal. Through the Gem's website, \$11,070 of the \$15,000 goal has been raised, which includes a generous \$7,500 pre-purchase of tickets from Sunday River Resort. In total, The Gem needs an additional \$10,755 to fund the purchase of a third digital projector.

For more information or details, please contact Wade Kavanaugh at thegemtheater@gmail.com.



"HOUR OF CODE" AT THE EDDY-Fifteen people joined The Eddy School to celebrate The Hour of Code on Thursday, Dec. 8, to spend an hour learning or practicing how to write computer programming codes in celebration of National Computer Science Week. Submitted photo

Age Friendly Community news

In this season of giving, you may want to remember some local opportunities.

Nina Wheeler (ninawheeler@msn.com, 836-3600) reminds us of Christmas for Families, which welcomes those who wish to help in some way, as well as those who are experiencing particular need in this season and would appreciate the help. The program can use money donations, other gifts like baked goods, or sales help.

Christmas for Children: Rotary Club fundraiser for toys for needy children in our community. Contributions may be mailed to Bethel Rotary Club, Christmas for Children, P.O. Box 471, Bethel, Maine 04217.

Saturday, Dec. 17, Christmas tree lighting at the American Legion Hall in Locke Mills. To donate a light in memory of or in honor of a loved one (\$3) contact Jamie Hastings (890-2812) or Susan Vacca at mainevabbits@gmail.com. Sunday, Dec. 18, 4 p.m.: Annual Christmas Cantata at the Locke Mills Union Church - community choir and instrumentalists, refreshments, Sunday, Dec. 18, 5 p.m.: Annual Living Nativity on the Bethel Common.

AARP suggests that we be health-conscious as we approach this season of festivities and celebrations. An interesting link: <https://lifereimagined.aarp.org/page/signature/41073-Holiday-Survival-Guide>. Among other tips, it suggests that we eat what we love (and leave the rest), that we plan ahead what we'll eat at those tempting feasts, that we not "give workouts a vacation," and that we focus on good sleeping habits such as avoiding caffeine and alcohol before bed, and trying a relaxing exercise like yoga before bedtime.

Need a ride? Our local Volunteer Driver Network is 824-4444 (coordinator Kay Larson). Seniors Plus (seniorsplus.org, 1-800-427-1241): caregiver support and Alzheimer's education and respite. Community Concepts (community-concepts.org, 743-7716): fuel assistance.

Mt. Abram participating in World's Largest Lesson

Last winter across the world nearly 6,000 people of all ages took a beginner ski or snowboard lesson, in effort to participate in the "World's Largest Lesson," according to a press release. Due to a lack of proper evidence, the record still needs to be set in the Guinness Book of World Records.

The snowsports industry is going to try again on Friday, Jan. 6 and this time will be joined by many Ca-

nadian resorts, via the Canadian Ski Council. All lessons will take place simultaneously in seven different time zones - 9 a.m. Alaska time, 10 a.m. Pacific time, 11 a.m. Mountain time, 12 noon Central time, 1 p.m. Eastern time, 2 p.m. Atlantic time and 2:30 Newfoundland time.

Mt. Abram in Greenwood will join the effort by offering a Learn to Ski/Ride package for \$79. Package includes a Westside-ONLY lift ticket,

90-minute lesson, and rentals. For more information call 207-875-5000 or email info@mtabram.com.

According to www.skisandsnowboardmonth.org, "this World Record event is brought to you by the organizers of the Learn to Ski and Snowboard Initiative, the National Ski Areas Association, Professional Ski Instructors of America, SnowSports Industries America and SNOW Operating."

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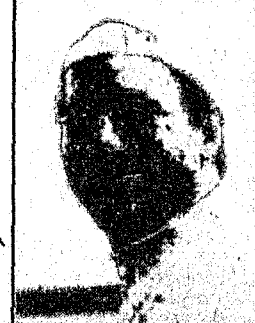
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Thanks, too, to the staff at the Maine Veterans Home in South Paris, and to Beacon Hospice Care. You took wonderful care of Paul, and we truly appreciated it.
Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
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